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XI PICKS GENERAL SANCTIONED BY U.S. AS CHINA'S DEFENCE MINISTER

General Li Shangfu, sanctioned by the US government for buying Russian weapons, will succeed General Wei Fenghe

SPECIALIST IN SPACE, CYBER WARFARE

Gen Li, an advocate of defence modernisation, played a key role in advancing China's space and cyber warfare capabilities as deputy commander of the Strategic Support Force. He was sanctioned by the US in 2018 over purchase of Sukhoi Su-35 fighter jets by China's Equipment Development Department, which was then headed by him | P9

BEIJING'S PUSHBACK AGAINST SANCTIONS

- Analysts say Li's appointment shows Beijing's his scant regard for US sanctions. "It is a deliberate pushback against US sanctions," Manoj Kewalramani, a China expert at Takshashila Institution, said
- His appointment comes amid worsening tensions with the US shooting down an alleged Chinese spy balloon over its airspace

65-yr-old

LI IS AMONG THE SELECT FEW WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO PRESIDENT XI JINPING

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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

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Steps for the Welfare of Minority Communities

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential Schools with CBSE curriculum from 6th to 12th standards have been established in 29 locations in the state for minority community students.
- A 24x7 helpline has been established to address the grievances of minority communities.
- Karnataka Urdu Academy is translating the best literary books of classical languages into the Urdu language.
- A total grant of Rs. 26 crore given to 186 organizations of Jain, Buddhist, Sikh and Christian communities for the construction, renovation and repair of temples/churches/community halls and orphanages and homes of senior citizens.

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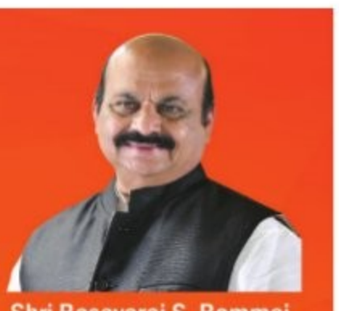

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

'Chennai-B'luru highway ready by Dec-end'

The Chennai-Bengaluru-Surat expressway, which will connect Kashmir to Kanyakumari, will be completed by December-end. Already, 50% of the works have been finished, said Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Sunday, at the inauguration of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway. He said the Centre is spending Rs 70,000 crore for the construction of Outer Ring Road for Bengaluru which will be completed by March 2024. P4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes part in a roadshow before the inauguration of Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway in Mandya on Sunday | EXPRESS

'No recognition for same-sex marriage'

It is against Indian family concept, Centre tells SC

JAISON WILSON @New Delhi

GIVING legal sanctity to same-sex marriage could cause social disharmony and disturb the delicate balance of personal laws, the Centre told the Supreme Court in its affidavit opposing a batch of pleas seeking legal status for the same.

Living together as partners and having sexual relationships by same-sex persons cannot compare with the Indian family unit concept of a biological man as husband and a biological woman as wife and the children born out of the union, the Centre said.

Responding to a batch of petitions challenging provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act, Foreign Marriage Act, and Special Marriage Act, the government stressed that same-sex marriage cannot be claimed as a fundamental right under the country's existing laws.

The government, however, clarified that while the State does not recognise other forms of marriages or relationships, they are not unlawful.

It said the union between persons of opposite sex is "socially, culturally and legally ingrained into the very idea and concept of marriage and ought not to be disturbed or diluted by judicial interpretation".

"Amongst Hindus, it is a sacrament, a holy union for performance of reciprocal duties between a man and a woman. In Muslims, it is a contract but again is envisaged only between a biological man and a biological woman. It will, therefore, not permissible..." the affidavit stated.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the matter on Monday.

The Centre also said a special status, which is granted to heterosexual marriage can't be construed as a discrimination against same-sex couples under Article 15(1) of the Constitution or as a privileging of heterosexuality.

'Changing law govt's domain'

According to the government, the country's legal framework does not recognise same-sex marriage. Any change in the framework will come in the domain of the elected government and not the court, it says

Activists flay govt stand

Activists and members of the LGBTQ+ community have criticised the Centre's position that marriage rights can only be given to heterosexuals in the country

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'Iran-Saudi deal to end Yemen war'

CAIRO: Iran's mission to the United Nations says a breakthrough agreement with Saudi Arabia restoring bilateral relations will help bring a political settlement to Yemen's yearslong war, Iranian state media reported on Sunday. Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed Friday to reestablish diplomatic relations and reopen their embassies | P10

Adani pays back $2.65 billion loans

NEW DELHI: Adani Group on Sunday said it has repaid loans aggregating $2.65 billion to complete a prepayment programme ahead of the March 31 deadline to cut overall leverage in a bid to win investor trust. It repaid $2.15 billion loans taken by pledging shares in its listed firms and another $500 million loans taken to acquire Ambuja Cement | P10

ISIS link: NIA searches 5 places

NEW DELHI: The NIA has carried out searches at five places in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra as part of its investigation to unravel a conspiracy hatched by Islamic State to expand its activities in India, an official said on Sunday. The searches were conducted by different teams at the houses of the suspected persons in Seoni and Pune.

SHAH SOUNDS LS POLL BUGLE IN KERALA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday targeted Kerala's Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left government over the alleged Life Mission scam and urged the state's voters to support the BJP in 2024 LS polls | P5

PM to Rahul: No force in world can harm our democratic tradition

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Dharwad

"NO force in the world can harm the democratic tradition of India. India is not only the largest democracy, but also the mother of democracy," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Sunday, targeting former AICC president leader Rahul Gandhi, who recently said that democracy is under attack in India.

Rahul, addressing a group of students at Cambridge University recently, had said Indian democracy is under threat and several opposition leaders, including himself, are being snooped on using spyware. He also said institutional frameworks that are required for a democracy are getting constrained and the basic structure of democracy is under attack.

Without taking Rahu's name, Modi said, "Those who are putting the country's democracy in the dock and denigrating it on foreign soil are insulting the Jagajyothi Basaveshwara, the people of Karnataka, the great tradition of land and 130 crore vigilant people of India." He cautioned the people of Karnataka to be aware of such people.

Modi said he is fortunate to have inaugurated the statue of Basaveshwara in London. "Bhagwan Basaveshwara's Anubhava Mantapa was a unique experience of democracy. But it is unfortunate that in the same London, questions were raised about India's democracy," he added.

Inaugurating the newly-built campus of IIT-Dharwad, Modi said, "The roots of Indian democracy are nourished by the centuries-old history of the country. No force in the world can harm the democratic traditions of India. Despite this fact, some people are continuously questioning Indian democracy."

MORE REPORTS: P2,4

PM opens B'luru-Mys highway

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the 118 km-long Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway project, which is expected to reduce travel time between the two cities from three hours to 75 minutes, say officials. P4

ONE FOR THE AGES

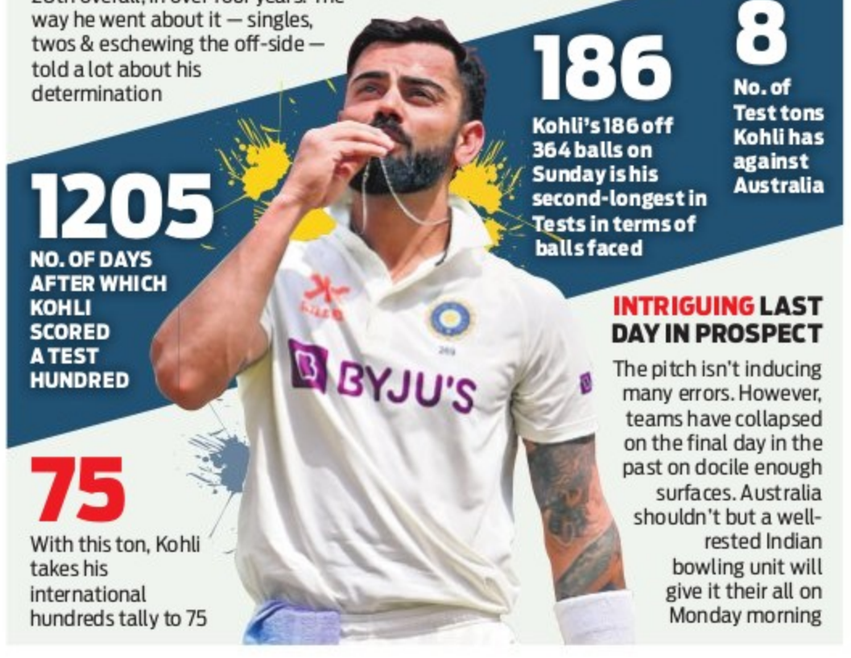
In what was another great batting day, Kohli & Co. took full advantage to score 571. A look at what transpired on the fourth day of the last Test at Ahmedabad... | P11

KOHLI BREAKS TEST DROUGHT

From falling out of love with the game to loving it again, Virat Kohli has gone through the entire gamut of emotions over the last year. On Sunday, he continued this second wind of his with a first Test 100, 28th overall, in over four years. The way he went about it — singles, twos & eschewing the off-side — told a lot about his determination

AXAR CONTINUES TO THRIVE WITH BAT

Axar Patel has looked the most in form of all the India batters this series and he scored a 79 when the hosts needed him the most. His reliability adds to their possibilities going forward, especially at home



1205 NO. OF DAYS AFTER WHICH KOHLI SCORED A TEST HUNDRED

186 Kohli's 186 off 364 balls on Sunday is his second-longest in Tests in terms of balls faced

8 No. of Test tons Kohli has against Australia

75 With this ton, Kohli takes his international hundreds tally to 75

INTRIGUING LAST DAY IN PROSPECT

The pitch isn't inducing many errors. However, teams have collapsed on the final day in the past on docile enough surfaces. Australia shouldn't but a well-rested Indian bowling unit will give it their all on Monday morning

Centenary-bound RSS eyes larger role for women

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

RASHTRIYA Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is looking to expand women's participation in its activities and will use its three-day annual general body meeting, which began in Samalkha, near Panipat in Haryana on Sunday, to explore ways to do it.

"There will be discussions in this meeting on increasing women's participation in social awareness, awakening and social change works of the Sangh," its joint general secretary Manmohan Vaidya said, adding that there is a dedicated arm of Sangh for women—Rashtriya Sevika Samiti—which works for their overall development. The meeting will also see discussions on RSS' course of action for the next year. The outfit, which will celebrate its centenary year in 2025, plans to increase the number of its *shakhas* (branches) in the country to one lakh over the next year.

"The work of Sangh has increased in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic," Vaidya said.

Currently, 68,651 *shakhas* are being organised at 42,613 places, *saptahik milan* (weekly gatherings) at 26,877 places, and *maasik mandali* (monthly meetings) at 10,412 places, Vaidya pointed out.

Apart from regular *pracharaks* (publicists) and *vistaraks* (expansionists), a team of 1,300 *shatabdi vistaraks* has been formed to expand the outfit's activities and reach ahead of the centenary year.

"The nation has 911 *zilas* (districts), and the RSS is active in 901 of them. Similarly, the RSS holds shakhas in 88% of the 6,663 khands, and 26,498 of the 59,326 mandals," he told journalists. Vaidya also said there has been an increase in the number of people wanting to join the organisation. Between 2017 and 2022, the RSS received 7.25 lakh applications for membership. Most of the applicants were aged between 20 and 35, he said.

SANGH PAYS TRIBUTES TO MULAYAM

The RSS paid tributes to late Samajwadi Party leader Mulayam Singh Yadav, socialist leader Sharad Yadav, senior advocate Shanti Bhushan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother Hiraben Modi at its annual general body meeting here on Sunday. Tributes were also paid to actor-filmmaker Satish Kaushik, actor Javed Khan Amrohi and singer Vani Jairam at the RSS annual meet in Panipat on Sunday

WAIT IS OVER

Workers move an Oscar statue during preparations for Sunday's 95th Academy Awards. *Naatu Naatu* song from Telugu movie *RRR* is vying for the Best Original Song award. The ceremony will begin at 5.30 am (IST) | AP

NIMHANS helplines assisting rural population quit smoking

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

HELPLINES and teleconsultations set up by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) have proven beneficial in identifying and treating tobacco and other addictions among rural populations.

Maria Auxilia, counsellor, Quit Tobacco Helpline at NIMHANS, said, "People in rural areas often get curious seeing the helpline numbers on cigarette packets and other tobacco products. They initiate conversations on their habits. It is seen that they are making efforts to stop consuming tobacco." Since people living in rural areas do not get easy access to mental health professionals, these free helplines have helped them.

Another service under NIMHANS, Service for Healthy Use of Technology, also recently started a detox helpline to provide consultations to people suffering from technology addiction. Pranjali Chakraborty Thakur, a PhD scholar, said the helpline, started two months ago, is helping many who got addicted to technology during Covid. "A lot of students call us. Also, many worried parents want to understand whether their children are addicted to gadgets. Counsellors guide the patients and help them balance their use of technology as it is not practical to completely eliminate the use of gadgets," she explained.

The Centre also launched Tele-MANAS (Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States) portal, a 24/7 service, in October 2021. Dr Rahul P, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, said over 1,000 calls have been attended to and 50 per cent of them were from rural areas.

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• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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Sunrise 6.28 am
Sunset 6.29 pm
Moonrise 11.33 pm
Moonset 10.19 am

Divert buses to help elders, say activists

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RESIDENTS in and around Raghavanapalya in JP Nagar 9th Phase have petitioned the BMTC to divert buses by one kilometre through their area to allow easy access to many senior citizens residing in numerous apartments here. BMTC is planning to take a decision after a survey shortly.

The petition, signed by 138 residents, including many seniors, was submitted to the head office on March 2, said Abdul Aleem, founder of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road, an umbrella of welfare associations.

It pointed out that there are a number of residential apartments, like Nandi Gardens, IMG Elite, Aryahamsa, Platinum Lifestyle and GR Heights. "Each contains a few hundred apartments and a large number of residents. Many of them are senior citizens who depend on public transport. The existing bus routes stop at Anjanapura Main Road and the Kengeri-Gottigere Road, which are far and not within walking distance for senior citizens. They are forced to depend on uncertain and expensive autorickshaws," the petition said.

It appealed that buses heading from Banashankari to Jambusavari Dinne be diverted at the Vinayaka Cinema stop so that it goes down the 60 feet road past HM World City and Nandi Gardens, turn to the 80 ft road passing via many apartments and later rejoined Gottigere Road at the Royal Layout stop.

V Bharath, a resident of Nandi Gardens, who is keenly pushing for it, said, "We have told BMTC that both the bus route numbers 215H and 378 are passing through this route. It is up to them to decide which one can be diverted for us."

It is important that there is a good frequency of buses, said another local resident.

Divisional Traffic Officer, South, BMTC, Mahesh told TNIE, "BMTC will carry out a survey after Monday by meeting the residents of the area. After that we will take a decision on diverting the routes as requested. I have conveyed it to the citizens."

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari flags off Ashok Leyland's M100 truck and BMTC's methanol-diesel blended (MD15) buses at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BMTC'S MD15 BUSES TO HIT THE ROADS

Will reduce pollution, oil import, costs, says Union Transport Minister Gadkari

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IN a first in the country, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will be running 20 buses on Methanol-Diesel blend. Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari who flagged off the buses here on Sunday, said the move will reduce pollution and oil import. The 15 per cent Methanol blended with Diesel (called MD15) will be used on 20 BMTC buses that will run on a pilot basis for three months.

"It is a great day in the history of Indian petroleum. As an alternative to petroleum, today we have introduced methanol-blended fuel. We are importing oil to the tune of Rs 16,000 crore every year. There are 34 crore vehicles in India and the transport sector is one of the highest polluting ones. Imports can be reduced and pollution cut with this blend," Gadkari said, and added that a day will come when petrol will be replaced by ethanol and diesel by methanol.

On the cost of operating public transport, Gadkari said if the pilot project is successful, public buses that solely rely on diesel can shift to methanol which costs around Rs 25 per litre. "By doing so, public transportation that is under loss can turn the tide as the cost of operations can be reduced drastically," he said.

Stating that almost 60 per cent of the bus corporation's monthly revenue is going to diesel, BMTC MD Sathyavathi said, "We are spending nearly Rs 70 crore on diesel. By using methanol, we can cut down the cost. We will operate 20 buses on a Methanol-Diesel blend supplied by Indian Oil. In the pilot run, we will look at how the vehicle is functioning, does the blend affect the engine, the pollution emitted etc and then take a call on expanding."

An MoU was signed between BMTC and Ashok Leyland to carry out field trials in Bengaluru as the first national pilot programme for the Methanol Diesel bus, she said.

First M100 truck

India's first 100 per cent methanol-run Ashok Leyland truck (M100) was flagged off by Nitin Gadkari. This is claimed to be India's first and world's second such methanol-run truck. The prototype truck will shortly be produced as a market offering and Ashok Leyland is aiming to create a revolution in replacing diesel in the logistics sector.

Flat residents important vote bank: Min

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HIGHER Education and IT/BT Minister **Dr CN Ashwath Narayan** said the government is committed to protect the interests of apartment associations and will make efforts to review certain regulations amending them, for the benefit of the people.

Narayan participated in the All Party Town Hall organised by Bengaluru Apartment Federation (BAF) on Sunday, named 'Every Vote Matters'. The demand of apartment residents to not be disturbed in matters of property ownership, registration, electricity or water bills are legitimate, he said. He reiterated that efforts will be made to meet their demands and even include them in BJP's manifesto.

Vishnu Gattupalli, vice-president, BAF, said people residing in apartments are not considered a significant vote bank. The campaign helped provide opportunities to both politicians and community members to engage and discuss relevant developmental issues in the city.

The government's objective is to make civic services available to all citizens, including those residing in apartments without depending on middlemen. Henceforth, Narayan said efforts will be made to include several organisations, including the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) under the purview of 'Sakaal'.

The association even made suggestions under various sections, including property ownership and management, compliances, public services, BBMP, environmental safeguards, urban planning and public infrastructure, local governance and social welfare. They expect inputs to be considered by political parties while drafting their manifestos, and take necessary developmental actions positively impacting apartment residents.

Congress leaders MLA R Ramalinga Reddy, Aam Aadmi Party's Prithvi Reddy, JDS' Tanveer Ahmed also participated in the discussion.

RISKY RIDE

With delays in infrastructure work, vehicles passing though the Hanging Bridge at K R Puram in Bengaluru on Sunday, are at risk of accidents | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Expressway: IISc expert fears traffic will only worsen, says address root cause

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WITH the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway officially thrown open by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, mobility experts said that this is likely to worsen the traffic situation in the twin cities. Mobility expert from the IISc Dr Ashish Verma said there is already a congestion at the entry and exit points of the expressway. Instead of addressing the root cause of traffic, which is the rise in personal vehicles, the expressway encourages it. Dr Verma warned that the time gained will be lost in congestion, and with time, it will only get worse. Verma suggested that half of the road on both sides has a 'Bus Rapid Transit System' (BRTS).

The congestion created by vehicles while entering Mysuru city at Manipal Hospital junction is so high that the demand for building a flyover has gained traction, Dr Verma said. The expressway pushes the traffic to the entry and exit points.

To solve that, another flyover will be built taking the congestion right into the city. After traffic shifts from the flyover to a different point, another flyover will be proposed and built, Dr Verma said, and asked how many flyover the government intends to built to resolve the traffic problem.

"There is no doubt that the expressway will reduce the travel time. However, it cannot be a long-term solution. For instance, the Hebbal flyover was not a chock-a-block before the construction of the airport flyover. But now, with the rate of vehicle flow, it has become one," he said. While purchasing land, the government could have stretched a little bit more and made allocation for a High Speed Rail (HSR) and run high-end trains like Vande Bharat, Dr Verma explained.

As a long-term solution, ideally on each side of the road there should be a BRTS, he said.

Bad weather forces flight diversion, delay at KIA

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BAD weather at Kempegowda International Airport delayed the departures of numerous flights for over an hour on Sunday morning. An IndiGo flight from Kolkata to Bengaluru was diverted to Coimbatore airport.

According to an airport website, there were multiple flight delays in departure between 6.40 am and 8.15 am. Flights to Delhi, Allahabad, Chennai, Vijayawada, Hyderabad, Raipur were among those that were delayed. Arrivals also was impacted to some extent with flights from Kochi, Indore, Hyderabad among those affected.

Diversion

The IndiGo flight took five hours and 11 minutes to complete its journey, more than double the scheduled time.

The flight departed at 3.59 am from Kolkata airport, 16 minutes ahead of schedule. However, midway it had been diverted to Coimbatore airport, reveals flight tracker website flightaware.com. It was scheduled to reach Bengaluru at 6.50 am but reached only at 9.10 am, it revealed.

Dr Manoj Kumar K from Tirupati tweeted, "Flight diverted 6E 318 @IndiGo6E. No update from airlines as well as airport authority @ BLR Airport. Still showing slight as on right time."

A source at Bengaluru airport confirmed the delay of the IndiGo flight. "The flight was diverted in the morning to Coimbatore due to bad weather at Bengaluru. It finally landed in Bengaluru at 9.03 am," the source said.

IndiGo was unable to give any response from its side.

'KSPCB, Fisheries dept not doing much to save lakes'

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH fish kill being reported annually in Bengaluru and various panchayat limits, especially during summer, activists have trained their guns on the KSPCB and Fisheries department. They opine that KSPCB has limited itself to identifying pollution in lakes and the Fisheries Department is concerned only about commercial activities.

Ram Prasad, convenor of Friends of Lakes, said KSPCB is supposed to be strict in dealing with pollution and its control mechanism, but it is only identifying polluted lakes. Similarly, the Fisheries department, which has to take water samples and help farmers, is engaged purely in commercial activities. "The survival of lakes under BBMP's ambit depends on the role of KSPCB and the Fisheries department. KSPCB should not just visit the spot, but also ensure the institutions polluting the lakes are penalised. In most cases, only the National Green Tribunal is pulling up the culprits. Fisheries department offered the 'soup bowl' design for many lake renovations. It is encouraging commercial fishing which will result in ecological imbalance," he rued.

Raghavendra Pachhapur, senior project lead, Action Aid, said he found out from a report that 21 lakes are already in Class-E which means it is not fit for wildlife and fisheries. "16 fishkills were recorded from January to December 2022. KSPCB is only testing water samples, that too only in 50% of Bengaluru lakes," he added.

KREIS entrance exam takes place across state

BENGALURU: The entrance examinations for entry into schools under the Karnataka Residential Education Institutions Society (KREIS) took place across the state on Sunday. Every year, KREIS hosts an entrance test for Class 6 of residential schools coming under the society. These include the Morarji Desai Residential Schools, Kittur Rani Channamma Residential Schools, Eklavya Model Schools, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Residential Schools, Indira Gandhi Residential Schools, and the Dr B R Ambedkar Residential Schools. Students were made to write a 100-marks test. According to the Karnataka Examination Authority, the results for the test will be announced by April.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13TH March : If you feel your energy rising, then you might be in touch with the lunar cycle which is currently building up towards a new set of lively alignments. Not everyone follows the same patterns, for we're all unique, but if you want to increase your workload then you can be sure that the stars are with you!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Let your head follow your heart. Today's vivacious Moon can be relied upon to raise your morale, but you should also make it quite clear that tradition is not to be relied upon. Somehow you have to forge your own path while keeping friends and allies on side.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may be gripped on the horns of a dilemma, unsure whether personal or public affairs must take precedence. The fact is that family obligations should have first call on your attention. A younger relation might come up with just the advice that you need.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's a day for communication, for exchanging opinions and perhaps discovering exactly what else is going on. Do consider the virtues of making a complete break with the past in a financial matter. It's not necessarily people that you need to wave farewell to, but your own bad habits!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There's no time to flap around, so make a business like start to the week. Partners are liable to be in an erratic mood yet again, but perhaps you'll be able to ignore some of their more silly ideas and see if there is anything in what they say which could be of use.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You seem to have a fair measure of control today, perhaps because others will voluntarily surrender some of their power. However, any such advantage will be purely temporary, so you will squander good fortune at your own risk. A little caution could pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There's a sense in which secrecy is called for, perhaps more than anything else, so if other people insist that they have an automatic right to know what you're doing, you should give them short shrift. The simple way out of a deadlock is to look for similarities between your feelings and other people's, rather than differences.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There is much to be said for pressing ahead with social goals and activities, so that you may have little time for work. If professional chores are utterly unavoidable, the way to cheer yourself up is teamwork - meetings and the like, or even a party!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It just so happens that one of the strongest regions of your chart at the moment is that which feeds your ideas, and anyone who ignores your proposals, suggestions and invitations will do so at their peril. Mind you, I am quite sure that they will come round in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Today's stars are sent to test your mettle and to see if you are prepared to put your adventurous dreams into practice. If you can tackle joint ambitions and get other people to back you, then you might build up the experience necessary to pursue your own vision of the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Sun's delicate movement will soon draw a significant personal phase to a close. However, there is still a great deal more thought to be put in before you get into the swing of a new relationship. You may also have to make a concession or two to keep a loved one happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There's a new theme developing in your chart this week, one which seems to be very much connected to a lingering quest for security. The most important question is whether you can provide sufficient stability for yourself, or whether you will have to rely on other people.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's a day of work, although this doesn't mean that everything need be terribly dull or routine. There are many ways to re-invent the wheel and, with your typical ingenuity, that is just the sort of thing you should be doing. You might even cause a few surprises!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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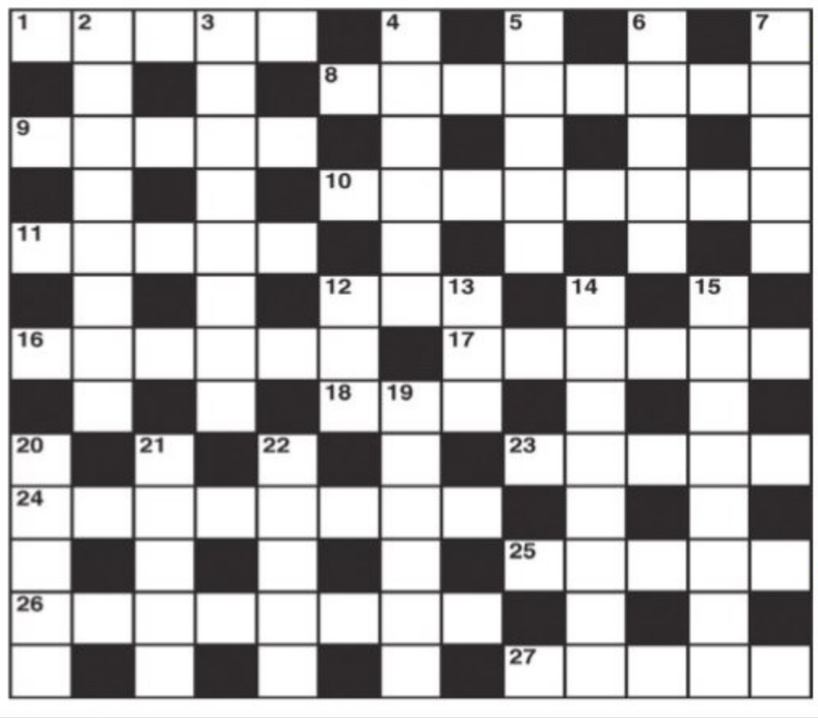

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Glass holder (5)
8 Perform duties for one in church (8)
9 More than one figure is old-fashioned (5)
10 He comes in to wait finally (2,3,3)
11 Love to indulge in abuse and make speeches (5)
12 A church vault (3)
16 Almost lose sight of the sprite (6)
17 Fresh air - and that's essential for a man (6)
18 Do some decorative work in two ways (3)
23 Turns out OK as a second city of Japan (5)
24 League match (8)
25 Note down new present (5)
26 Egg producer distributes supply at random (8)
27 Direct a sequence (5)

DOWN
2 He could be grounded and kept down (8)
3 High romance? (4,4)
4 Immediate consequence of a fall (6)
5 Do justice to the conservatives (5)
6 Wrest apart and scatter (5)
7 Leo's hauteur? (5)
12 A New Testament colonist (3)
13 Whip pet (3)
14 Inside man (8)
15 Count on the school raising money (8)
19 A shipping company we hear to make profits (6)
20 Sharp crooked instruments (5)
21 Make a profit and brighten up (5)
22 Wood spirit (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Convention, 6 Slav, 10 Amiss, 11 Steersman, 12 Chastise, 13 Wrong, 15 Ironing, 17 Shampoo, 19 Harpies, 21 Askance, 22 Umbra, 24 Imprints, 27 The Red Sea, 28 Pence, 29 Earn, 30 Pretty well.

Down: 1 Chat, 2 Neighbour, 3 Eases, 4 Tasting, 5 Openers, 7 Limbo, 8 Vine grower, 9 Drawback, 14 Silhouette, 16 Imitates, 18 Penitence, 20 Scissor, 21 Asphalt, 23 Blear, 25 Imply, 26 Tell.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNEVE

YARNO

DWONIW

DMFOYI

That is so cool!
I want to try some Vegemite.
So glad we finally got here!
It's nice that Sydney gets to see where she was named after.
AFTER ARRIVING IN SYDNEY, THEIR VACATION IN AUSTRALIA WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: AWAIT WISPY SPLINT SHRUNK
Answer: If Republicans and Democrats had their own boats, they'd be — PARTISAN SHIPS

UAS inter-agri varsity fest starts today The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) is all set to host the 21st All India Inter-Agricultural Universities Youth Festival from Monday. The festival will take place at the UAS Bengaluru campus from March 13-17. Students from 57 agricultural universities are expected to participate

Neurosurvey, tele-neurology units launched in Ch'ballapur

A neuro epidemiological study will also be conducted after decades

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

INDIA'S burden of neurological diseases is escalating. Neurological disorders like stroke, dementia, epilepsy, headache and head injuries contribute considerably to disability and stroke, are considered as the second most common cause of death. Prevention, early diagnosis along with accessible specialized treatment, can significantly reduce the burden of neurological disorders in the community.

In a first, on March 7, Nimhans and Department of Health launched two important initiatives in neurology – Neuro Epidemiological Study In Gowribidanur - II (NEPSIG) survey at Gowribidanur, and teleneurology services to understand and enhance services for neurological disorders in the community. Both these programmes are being jointly implemented by the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KaBHI), Nimhans, and the Department of Health.

The tele-neurology programme at Chikkaballapur is launched to "facilitate delivery of neurological services to patients remotely, and to improve accessibility to neurological care," said Prof & Head, Department of Neurology, Nimhans, Suvarna Alladi. "Services will be extended to the rest of the state in the next three months," she added.

Tele-neurology services will be provided at health and wellness centres, PHCs and Brain Health Clinics (BHCs) by leveraging existing infrastructure.

"Tele-neurology services will go a long way in leveraging existing infrastructure at PHCs and also enable training of healthcare staff at various levels," tweeted Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar. "The services will enable patients to have early specialist care with relative ease, and reduce the overall cost," said Deputy Director, Mental Health, Dr Rajini.

KaBHI was launched last year jointly by Nimhans, under the guidance of Director, Pratima Murthy, the state government under Dr Sudhakar, in consultation with NITI Aayog to promote brain health in the community from PHCs to secondary level district hospitals and Nimhans at the tertiary level.

The pilot project of KaBHI was announced in the state budget by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in 2022, and in 2023, he declared statewide implementation of the project.

"Brain health is a critical aspect of overall health. Diseases affecting the brain are the single most important cause of disability and second biggest cause of death in the world," said Dr Pratima Murthy. An IT platform has been developed by IIIT Bengaluru to help digitize KaBHI and facilitate monitoring, referral and efficient delivery of care.

Speaking about the NEPSIG II survey, Prof Girish N Rao, epidemiology, Centre for Public Health, Nimhans, said the first Indian neuro-epidemiological NEPSIG-I was undertaken in 1987 by then professor, Neurology, and director, Nimhans, Gourie Devi and team, who had adapted the WHO-recommended questionnaire which was subsequently validated by neurologists from Nimhans.

"More than three decades have passed since this landmark Indian study. Since then, the population of Gowribidanur has almost tripled and literacy rates have doubled. To understand how neurological diseases have changed over the years, we aim to undertake NEPSIG-II," said Rao.

"The objective of the survey is to estimate the prevalence of various neurological disorders, discover patterns and distribution, and burden faced by individual households. The survey will help us develop services that will cater to the needs of the local population," said Assistant Prof, Neurology, Nimhans, Dr Vishwanath.

Tele-neurology services will go a long way in leveraging existing infrastructure at PHCs and also enable training of healthcare staff at various levels — Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

STATUE STAGE

Work under way on Sunday to install the statues of Kempegowda and Basaveshwara on the premises of Vidhana Soudha | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

17-yr-old on two-wheeler rams median, dies

A 17-year-old died after the two-wheeler he was riding rammed a median in Chickpet traffic police station limits on Saturday night. The deceased Dhanush, a Class 9 student, was a resident of Bhakshi Garden in Cottonpet. Police said Dhanush and his friend Hitesh were going to a hotel to get food for family members who had come to pay their last respects to his uncle. "When they were near Good Shed Road, Dhanush rammed a median. He was rushed to Victoria Hospital where he was declared brought dead."

'NURSE' KIDNAPS BABY, RETURNS HER

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Haveri

IN a shocking incident, a woman dressed as a nurse stole a two-day old baby from a hospital in Haveri district on Saturday evening. In a swift operation, the police arrested her and rescued the baby.

The baby's parents hail from Shishuvin Hall village of Byadagi taluk in Haveri district.

The accused woman dressed as a nurse entered the labour ward of the hospital by saying she wanted to administer a vaccine to the newborn. The unsuspecting family members handed the baby to her. When the accused did not return, the family members started searching for her.

The hospital told them there was no nurse by the name the woman had introduced herself to the family.

Immediately, a case was registered in the women's police station in Haveri. As the incident was captured on CCTV, it was easy for the police to trace the accused. The accused confessed to stealing the baby and said she did it as she does not have a child despite being married for five years. "The accused used to work as a nurse in a Bengaluru hospital. She wore her old uniform and entered the hospital. Unable to handle the baby after she started crying, the woman returned the baby but went back. Based on the CCTV footage and colour of the clothes, the baby was rescued," said an officer.

The accused caught on CCTV camera | EXPRESS

Hanumantappa Patil, the baby's grandfather and the complainant, said the nurse did not allow the family members to accompany her to the vaccination ward. "When she did not return for more than 30 mins, we started searching for her," he said.

Man kills another, tries to pass it off as natural death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 45-year-old man who murdered another and tried to mislead his family, saying it was a natural death, was arrested by Siddapura police.

The accused, Suresh, runs a store, while Manikanta (44) is the deceased. Both were residents of KM Colony, near Jayanagar. Manikanta was living with his mother after deserting his wife and children.

Police said Suresh is constructing a new house, where Manikanta went in an inebriated state on March 8 and misbehaved with Suresh's mother-in-law on the second floor of the building. When Suresh questioned him, Manikanta hurled abuses at him and made derogatory comments about his wife. An enraged Suresh hit Manikanta's head with a wooden plank and dragged him out to the road and assaulted him.

"He called Manikanta's mother and complained that her son had fallen near his house. When she went there, Suresh told her that her son was creating a nuisance and he would kill him if he repeats his behaviour. Manikanta's mother apologised to Suresh and took her son home, where he lost consciousness. His family members took him to hospital, where he was declared brought dead. An unnatural death case was taken up and Suresh was questioned, but he tried to mislead police by saying he had only informed Manikanta's mother as that latter had fallen near his house," police said.

The postmortem report revealed Manikanta had died due to a head injury. "A murder case was taken up. When Suresh was detained, he confessed to having murdered Manikanta," police added.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. SR-TVC-GSU-SNT/22-23/03 Dated 10.03.2023

Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram Division, Thiruvananthapuram-14 for and on behalf of The President of India invites e-tenders for the following work:

Sl No. **1.** Tender No. : **TVC-GSU-SNT-22-23-03, Name of work :** Strengthening and Expanding the hardware & Network Distribution System of Railnet network to field offices in TVC Division. Cash Value (Approx.) (₹ Rs) : **4,70,82,134.67,** Earnest Money Deposit (₹) : **3,85,400/-,** Last Date for Receipt of Tender : **03.04.2023 at 14.00 Hrs,** Completion period : **12 Months.**

Complete details & tender document will be available at **www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / GS / Thiruvananthapuram

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LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

My client Sri. Venkatesh S S/o. Srinivasa Gowda, R/a, No. 518, 1st A Cross, Kalika Nagar, Near Sai Baba Arch Road, Andhrahalli Main Road, had lost the following original documents with respect to the Schedule Property.

1. Sale Deed dated 24-01-2004, Registered as Document No. 32154/2003-04, in SRO Bangalore North Taluk.

If any person finds the aforesaid Original Deeds kindly handover the same to my address mentioned hereunder within Seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of the Site No. 7, Assessment No. 51, Katha No. 723, Situated at Karivobhanahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 Feet North to South: 15 Feet, Totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft. and bounded on:

East by : Others Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 6, South by: Remaining Portion of Site No. 7.

Mohan Ram B R, Advocate #47/1, F1, First Floor, Austin Plaza, F Kittel Nagar, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047. Contact No. 8722671564

Bengaluru, 12th March 2023

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OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited for the following:-

1. **E-TENDER THROUGH MSTC PORTAL FOR SUPPLY OF SULPHONATED CASTOR OIL AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/ MMD/2/22-23/ET/3 [SULPHONATED CASTOR OIL]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 060/SAL/PUR/2022-23; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹86.50 LAKH] (Tender to be downloaded and submitted online through MSTC portal only)**
2. **SUPPLY, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND TESTING OF POWER DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS AND BUYBACK OF EXISTING TRANSFORMERS AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI; TENDER NO. 041/SAL/MMD-MAINT/2022-23 [ESTIMATED COST - ₹66.00 LAKH]**

Last date of submission of the above tender is **18.04.2023** by **11:30 Hrs.** For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit website **www.mstcecommerce.com** for Sl. No. 1 and **www.brbnmpl.co.in** for Sl. No. 2. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on our website only.

Chief General Manager

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Tender Notification Postponement Dt:10.03.2023

The Calendar events of the short term Tender notification No.33/ 2022-23, Date:02.03.2023 Called by the undersigned through E-portal. the calendar of events of works Sl No. 24 & 28 has been postponed to Indefinite time, further details regarding publication will be announced.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

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Guidance TamilNadu

Request for Proposal-RFP

Name of Organisation : Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance & Export Promotion Bureau ("Guidance")

Notice Description: The undersigned invite prospective bidders to respond to the RFP for "Selection of Agency for Creative Design, Website Creation and Management, Public Relations and Social Media Management For Tamil Nadu Global Investor Meet 2024"

Date of Issue of Request for Proposal (RFP): 13.03.2023

Last Date for Submission of documents:14.04.2023

Address to Submit Hardcopy of Proposals: Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau ("Guidance"), No.471, 11" Floor, Prestige Polygon Towers, Anna Salai, Rathna Nagar, Teynampet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 035. **Ph:044 2434 6725**

To download a copy of the bid document, please visit:

www.tenders.tn.gov.in **www.investingintamilnadu.com**

Issuing Authority:
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Guidance

DIPR/239/DISPLAY/2023

Anjuman -E- Islam's
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Employment Notification 1

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Professor as follows, as per Order No. KaShiE/219/KhaHuBha/DhaVi/2017-18/Ne Vi-2/Bengaluru, dated 09/03/2023 from the Office of the Commissioner, Department of Collegiate Education Bengalure & letter No KaShiE/PraKaDha/99/KhaHuBha/GES-1/2017-18 dated 10-03-2023 of the Joint Director Dept of Collegiate Education, Dharwad

Sl No	Subject	Designation	No of Post	Reservation
1	Urdu	Assistant Professor	01	Since the institute is Religious & Linguistic Minority, reservation is Not Applicable
2	History	Assistant Professor	01	
3	Physics	Assistant Professor	01	
4	Chemistry	Assistant Professor	02	
5	Botny	Assistant Professor	01	
6	Commerce	Assistant Professor	02	

Instructions to Candidates :

1) Candidate must hold Master Degree in the concerned subject with minimum 55% of marks (50% for SC/ST). Must have qualified in SLET/NET or Ph.D with course work. Eligibility of candidates possessing Ph.D qualification/ registered prior to 11-07-2009 will be subject to fulfilling the conditions laid in UGC notification dated 04-05-2016
2)Age limit for General Merit 40 years,other categories (II A, IIB, IIIA, IIIB) 43 years SC/ST/Cat -1, 45years.Age relaxations given as per the Govt Order No ED/87/UPC/2016.dated 13-12-2018, to those who served as fulltime lecturer in the Aided degree College for the actual period of service or 05 years whichever is less.
3) The selection process will be as per the UGC guidelines 2018 and Government of Karnataka.
4) Pay scale and other conditions with NoC from the concerned Head of the Institute.
5) The appointment of the post notified shall be subject to the completion of probationary period of two years.
6) Interview date will be informed separately and no TA/DA will be given for attending interview.
7) Neatly typed application with complete information and attested copies of certificates should reach to The Principal, Nehru Arts, Science & Commerce College, Ghantikeri, Hubballi-580020, within 21 days of publication of this notification in news paper. Register Post along with Non- Refundable application fees of Rs. 3000/-for GM & OBC candidates, Rs. 2000/-for the SC.ST/Cat-I Candidate in the form of DD payable in favor of Chairman, Education Board, Anjuman-e-Islam Hubli. The envelope containing the application should have the title "The application for the post of ……" One copy of the application should be submitted to Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Regional Office, mini vidhan soudha, Dharwad -580001, within the due date.
8) Incomplete and applications received after the due date will not be considered.
9) At any stage of the selection process the department / Govt has power to cancel the sanction and selection of the said post. Submission of application and appearing for the Interview will not constitute any right for appointment.

Sd/- **Chairman**
Education Board
Anjuman-e-Islam Hubballi

Place: Hubballi
Date:11-03-2023

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Employment Notification 2

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Sl No	Subject	Designation	No of Post	Reservation
1	Urdu	Assistant Professor	01	Since the institute is Religious & Linguistic Minority, reservation is Not Applicable

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Sd/- **Chairman**
Education Board
Anjuman-e-Islam Hubballi.

Place: Hubballi
Date:11-03-2023

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works in TLM section KGF, TLM Sub-division Kolar coming under the jurisdiction of TR(M.), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru on **Total Turnkey, Two Part & Percentage Basis**:

No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-2/F-T6/2022-23/7065 Dt: 09.03.2023

(1) Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/AEE-3/66kV Malur-Hoskote/ITC/EPR-739 dtd: 06.03.2023 for Increasing Vertical clearance in 66kV Malur-Hoskote line-1 line by replacement of existing T41 (SA+0) tower by NBT DD+6 tower near ITC Factory, Gangapura limits, Malur Taluk. In TLM section KGF, TLM Sub-division Kolar.

No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-3/F-T6/2022-23/7071&7072 Dt: 10.03.2023

(2) Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/AE/66kV Lakkur tap line/EPR-740 dtd: 10.03.2023 for Providing Increasing Vertical clearance in 66KV Lakkur tap line by replacement of existing T13 Fabricated tower by NBT DD+6 tower near Rampura village, Malur Taluk, in TLM section KGF,TLM Sub-division Kolar.

(3) Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/AEE-1/ Mulbagal-Nangli line-Sonnavadi /EPR- 741 dtd:10.03.2023 for Providing Intermediate Tower for increasing the vertical clearance of Existing 66kV Mulbagal-Nangli S/c line between T no 15 and 16 near Sonnavadi, Mulbagal NH75 limits in TLM section KGF, TLM Sub-division Kolar.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.03.2023 for Sl.No.(1) and 15.03.2023 for Sl.No.(2) & (3).**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elec.), Transmission (Maintenance), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024, Ph: 080-23415347.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CELL SCIENCE, (NCCS) PUNE
(An Autonomous Institution of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.)
Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411007

Advt.No.: PMC/P-03/Online/2023

SUB: APPLICATIONS FOR R & D CONSULTANT POSITION UNDER EXTRA MURAL PROJECT

Applications are invited for R & D Consultant position to be filled purely on temporary basis at NCCS under extra mural project.

For the detailed specifications of the post, the prescribed application format and other terms and conditions, please see our **Advt.No.PMC/P-03/Online/2023 under Project Position,** in **Careers** tab, on our website (**www.nccs.res.in**). For any updates, please check our website. (Hindi, English & Marathi version of this advertisement is available on our website). **DIRECTOR, NCCS**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan

IFT No.42/2022-23, Dated: 10.03.2023

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through e-procurement portal of GOK (website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for Chikkamagaluru District works as per SBD-KW- 4 Maximum Amount put to tender is Rs.788.65 lakhs & Minimum amount put to tender Rs.382.30 lakhs.The last date of receipt of tender is 17-03-2023 upto 17.00 hours. Further detail can be had from E-Proc portal and the above office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.

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ओएनजीसी ऑयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड | ONGC Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited

HR/ER DEPARTMENT, Cauvery Asset, Karaikal.
Advt. No. HRD/1/2023 (R&P)

ONGC Cauvery Asset, Karaikal invites qualified & experienced retired ONGC personnel from production disciplines for engagement as **Associate Consultants** for Surface Team and Well Services, on contractual basis for a period of Two years as detailed under:

Details:

Section	Discipline	No. of posts	Required Experience
Surface Department	Production	02	Retired ONGC executives at E4 to E5 level of Production discipline with knowledge in Surface installations.
Well Services	Production	04	Retired ONGC executives at E4 to E5 level of Production discipline with respect to Well services

Eligible interested candidates are required to send the scanned copy of Application duly signed in the format to the e-Mail address: **hrd_cauvery@ongc.co.in** as non- editable file on or before **27.03.2023** OR send by post to CGM(HR)-I/c HR-ER, ONGC, Cauvery Asset, Neravy, Karaikal, Pin code: 609604.

Date, Venue and reporting time for interview will be intimated to shortlisted candidates in due course, through e-mails.

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ONGC, Cauvery Asset

DK SURESH UNINVITED

Though Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Mandya MP Sumalatha were present during the inauguration, Congress MP DK Suresh was absent. He tweeted, "I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to you for not having the courtesy to invite me to today's event. A major part of the NH runs through my constituency, yet it seems that petty politics has gotten in your way"

CONG WANTS TO DIG MY GRAVE, BUT I WANT TO BUILD TOP INFRA: PM

● Modi dedicates Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway ● Lays foundation stone for Mysuru-Kushalnagar highway ● Highlights welfare programmes

Road to polls: Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates the Mysuru-Bengaluru expressway at Gejjagadahalli in Mandya on Sunday as Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari, Pralhad Joshi, and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai look on | UDAYASHANKAR S

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

TURNING the dedication of National Highway projects into a political opportunity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that the Grand Old Party and its allies want to dig his grave, but he wants to build top quality infrastructure for the people of the country.

"They do not know that the people of India are my Suraksha Kavach. With projects like Sagarmala and Bharatmala, Karnataka and the country are transforming," he said, while inaugurating National Highway projects of 210 km worth over Rs 12,000 crore, at Gejjalagere near Maddur in Mandya district.

Highlighting welfare projects taken up by his government during the inauguration of Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, Modi said, "When the world was struggling with Covid, India increased its infrastructure budget by many times. Bengaluru and Mysuru are important cities in Karnataka. One is known for technology, while the other for tradition. It is quite significant to connect both the cities through technology."

Starting his speech in Kannada, he recalled the contributions of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir M Visvesvaraya and said that they are the sons of this land who gave ideas and power to the country and converted problems into opportunities.

"In the last few days, people have been talking about Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway. The people of India want such modern and splendid highways across the country. The expressway fills youth with pride and boosts connectivity across Karnataka. Good infrastructure enhances ease of living, creating new opportunities for progress," he said.

Six-lane access controlled expressway inaugurated

The Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018 during the then election campaign, was inaugurated on Sunday.

The six-lane project was done in two phases — Bengaluru to Nidaghatta section of NH-275 at a cost of Rs 4,429 crore with a length of 56.2 km and six laning of Nidaghatta to Mysuru section of NH-275 constructed at Rs 4,050.3 crore covering 61.1 km.

The project which commenced in May 2019 has 10 major bridges and 44 minor bridges, three flyovers and four ROBs. On the occasion, the foundation stone was laid for the construction of Mysuru to Kushalnagar four-lane road which has been taken up under four phases at a total cost of Rs 4,128 crore.

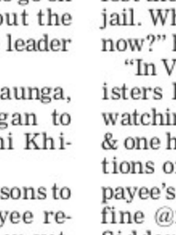
Mysuru-B'luru e-way will boost tourism, economy: Gadkari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

UNION Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** on Sunday said the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway will contribute to the development of the state and boost tourism.

Speaking at the launch of Mysuru-Bengaluru Corridor at Gejjalagere in Maddur, he said, "With the launch of the expressway, there will be an increase in the number of tourists from within the country and foreign nations visiting Mysuru and it will also contribute to the development of the state. Tourists can travel in an hour between the cities without any traffic problems."

He said the expressway project faced difficulties at the initial stage as fertile land had to be acquired from farmers for the construction of the highway. "But the state government acquired the land required from farmers. An additional Rs 4,000 crore was released by the central government to acquire the land. The highway will also generate employment. It will connect Tamil Nadu on NH 209 and Kerala on NH 212. There will be restaurants, parking space, gas stations, food court, washrooms and stalls to sell traditional products of Mysuru," he said.



On the Mysuru-Kushalnagar Corridor project, he said the 93 km stretch, which will connect Bengaluru and Mangaluru, will boost the economic activity in the region. "The journey between Mysuru and Kushalnagar will be reduced to half from five hours saving fuel and reducing pollution. As Coorg is rated as one of the top hill stations in the country, it helps travellers to reach their destination easily. The government is giving highest importance to infrastructure development. The Chennai-Bengaluru-Surat expressway will connect Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Already, 50 per cent of the work has been completed and the remaining work will be completed by the end of December," he said.

He said the Centre is spending Rs 70,000 crore for the construction of Outer Ring Road for Bengaluru which will be completed by March 2024.

"The ring road will reduce the problem of traffic jams. It will also help travellers to connect to the highway to travel towards Mysuru. The government has invested Rs 2 lakh crore for infrastructure projects in the state and by 2024, nearly works worth Rs 3 lakh crore will be taken up by the government," he said. He said IT Capital Bengaluru is the growth engine of the country and Mysuru represents the history and culture of the state.

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> Siddaramaiah, opposition leader

Expressway will snatch livelihood of thousands: HDK

Bengaluru: Lashing out at the state and central governments, former CM HD Kumaraswamy that the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway has been developed in such a manner that it is not helpful to residents of Ramanagara, Channapattana, Maddur and Mandya. The expressway has snatched the livelihood of people who were depending on the old Bengaluru-Mysuru road, he said. In series of tweets, Kumaraswamy said the stretch will only help those who want to travel between Bengaluru and Mysuru quickly. "Looks like they want to finish off Mandya socially, economically and in many ways," he said, adding the livelihood of thousands who run hotels, shops, sell tender coconut, fruits on the roadside will be hit. He also said the locals have to travel and additional 10-25 km to reach their place due to the expressway.

Siddaramaiah attacks Modi on Twitter, questions silence on Virupakshappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

CONGRESS Legislature Party (CLP) leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday made a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was in Karnataka to inaugurate two high-profile projects -- the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway and IIT Dharwad campus.

Besides releasing a letter addressed to Modi, Siddaramaiah fired questions and barbs on twitter with the hashtag #AnswerMadiModi, on corruption in Karnataka.

"@narendramodi, Why are you silent despite Lokayukta exposing rampant corruption done by MLA Virupaksha & his son? Do you also have share in that corrupt money? Will a corrupt & shameless MLA of @BJP4Karnataka be able to go on a display march without the support of the supreme leader of BJP like you?"

"Change your Na Khaunga, Na Khane dunga slogan to 'Thum Khao, Muje bhi Khilao'," he suggested.

He also drew comparisons to the Atal Bihari Vajpayee regime, recalling that when veteran BJP leader Bangaru Laxman was caught taking a bribe and captured on camera, he lost his job. "This happened when Vajpayee was president of BJP.. Under Vajpayee's leadership, many BJP Karnataka leaders like B S Yediyurappa, Janardhan Reddy, Katta Subramanya Naidu, Krishnaiah Shetty, Sampangi and others lost their positions and went to jail. Why is this not happening now?" he questioned.

"In Vajpayee's era, three ministers lost their positions for watching porn in the assembly & one had to resign over allegations of rape. If that was Vajpayee's era, Is this how you define @narendramodi's era?" Siddaramaiah said. Putting forth his 'eighth instalment of questions' in a letter to Modi, that was released to the media, Siddaramaiah raised the issue of Channagiri BJP MLA Madal Viripakshappa being accused of bribery, and asked Modi what the IT and ED were doing.

For Congress, it's path to poll promise publicity

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@BENGALURU

AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned after dedicating the 118-km Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, Congress seems to be making the most of it by putting up huge hoardings on either side of the expressway.

The hoardings are intended to make the travellers aware of the Congress pre-poll guarantees including Gruha Lakshmi, Gruha Jyothi and Annabhagya.

Congress party workers are already distributing handbills by going to every household in each constituency, and their leaders are also reiterating their promises during various rallies.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar and CLP leader Siddaramaiah feature in these hoardings and handbills as they were the signatories to the 'cheques' the party has already distributed among the beneficiaries at some places.

A private agency was given the task of erecting some 15 hoardings measuring 8,000 sqft, sources said, adding that more than a thousand will be put up along the highways. Asked how much the KPCC has been spending, a campaign manager refused to reveal the details, but these hoardings are likely to be there till the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, a leader said.

One of the pre-polls survey gave an edge to Congress in the upcoming polls, and has attributed the rise in vote percentage to the three pre-poll guarantees. The party is likely to announce two more freebies soon, a Congress strategist said.

KPCC general secretary Vijay K Mulgund told TNIE that around 500 hoardings have been planned on the expressway.

"We are creating awareness among people about our promises, and are committed to fulfill them when we come to power," he said.

Modi aims to breach JDS bastion with roadshow

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway has come as an opportunity for PM Narendra Modi to boost poll prospects for BJP in the Vokkaliga bastion.

Modi undertook a 1.8-km roadshow, where thousands of people turned up, in the JDS stronghold, who have won six out of seven Assembly segments. This comes as a big boost in an attempt to turn the tables on his rivals.

When Modi deboarded the chopper in PES Stadium, and entered BM Road for the roadshow, he was welcome by drum-beating artists' troupe. Children and women lined up on both sides of the road to catch a glimpse of the prime minister, who waved back at them.

Mandya maths: PM Narendra Modi showered with petals during a roadshow before the inauguration of the expressway in Mandya on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Deepa, a resident of Yeliyur village, said she has come with her family members to see Modi who has come to Mandya for the first time. "Over the last four days, children were excited to see the prime minister, she added.

Bande Gowda of Arakere said that they have come to thank Modi for the Kisan Samman Nidhi. "We are happy that the central government is concerned about the problems of the poor and farmers. Our only request is that fertiliser prices should be reduced that would also reduce the cost of cultivation," he said.

Basavanna of Keerugavalu said he is proud of the BJP government which has commissioned Mysugar, and completed the highway. He said it would be of great help if the government increases sugarcane prices by at least Rs 3,500 per tonne.

Though turnout was poor till 10.30am which caused a brief period of anxiety among BJP leaders, crowd began pouring after they began arriving in the town in buses.

Controversial arch removed

BJP came under fire from the opposition for erecting an arch named after Uregowda-Dodda Nanje Gowda and tried to project that they had killed Tipu Sultan. The Congress, JDS, Raitha Sangha, and other organisations had warned to stage a protest if the arch is not removed by evening. The BJP then named the arch after Sri Balagangdharanatha Swamiji and put up the seer's pictures.

Sweet gesture: MP Sumalatha gifts Mandya jaggery to PM Narendra Modi as CM Basavaraj Bommai looks on, in Mandya on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Sumalatha gifts jaggery to Modi

Days after Mandya MP Sumalatha announced her support to BJP and PM Narendra Modi's leadership, she took the stage during the inauguration of the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway amid cheering and applause, and gifted Mandya jaggery to the PM, making the event all the more sweet for the saffron camp.

Ron's Jigaluru lake work pending, but Bommai ready to cut ribbon

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

RESIDENTS of Ron town are angry and on a protest from Saturday -- they don't want Jigaluru lake to be inaugurated, as 30% of work is still pending. With CM Basavaraj Bommai due to inaugurate the lake on Monday, residents plan to request him not to do so yet. This may not suit the CM, who wants to throw open as many projects as he can before the election notification is out.

The residents' grouse is that work on Jigaluru lake, on the Ron-Gajendragad road, has been going on for 10 years but 30 per cent of the work is yet to be completed.

The lake is spread across 340 acres, and the plan is to maintain the underground water level during drought, to provide drinking water. The lake is still full of weeds, and though work is incomplete, the CM has been invited to inaugurate it. Some residents started a symbolic protest two days ago, and now many residents are joining the protest.

Jigaluru lake near Ron of Gadag district

For at least two decades now, there has been a demand from locals to take up work on the lake, and it finally started 10 years ago. Now residents are facing irregular water supply, and if lake work had been completed, more than seven villages would have got uninterrupted water supply in Ron and Gajendragad taluk.

Shivappa Navalgund, a resident of Ron, said, "Work is still going on, and Bommai is coming to inaugurate the lake. DC should come and check the work and give a green signal. We have decided to protest during the inauguration and bring it to the notice of the CM, that he is inaugurating a lake where 30% of the work is pending." An official from Gadag district said, "We received a complaint on Jigaluru lake and have brought it to the notice of the DC."

Modi says Karnataka engine of hi-tech India

PRAMOKUMAR VAIDYA @Dharwad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi said that Karnataka is the engine of high-tech India which needs the power of a double engine government.

Speaking after the inauguration of the campus of IIT-Dharwad and some other development works, and laying the foundation stone for others including Hubballi branch of Jayadeva Cardiovascular Science and Research Institute on Sunday, Modi said that Karnataka has given a tech-future identity to India, and it was time to take it forward.

Everybody demands better infrastructure and today, he said, adding that in "New India", everyone is benefitting from modern infrastructures. As the central government has been working continuously over the past nine years, the rural road network has been strengthened, highway length has increased by over 55 per cent, railway infrastructure and service have improved and number of airports have doubled, he said.

BJP leaders present a replica of the famous Kalaghatgi cradle to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Dharwad on Sunday | D HEMANTH

Because the country has offered a strong and cheap digital infrastructure and service, the country has emerged as the strongest digital economy in the world, he said. In the last nine years, on average 1.5 lakh broadband connections were given and also penetration reached every village, he said.

Along with economic infrastructure through PM Gatishakti, Modi said that social infrastructure also been improved by building toilets, providing LPG connections, better and cheap healthcare facilities, offering power connection, and building affordable houses to poor and good educational institutions for youths.

Modi said the central government has focused on opening more IITs and IIMs, and 250 more medical colleges have been added.

WORLD'S LONGEST RAILWAY PLATFORM

Shri Siddharoodha Swami Hubballi Railway Station has the longest railway platform in the world. It entered the Guinness Book of World Records, recently. The 1,507-m long platform has been built at a cost of `20 crore.

As many as 16 fishermen from the districts of Nagapattinam and Pudukkottai were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy off the Nagapattinam coast on Sunday for fishing in foreign waters. Fishing gears and two boats were seized

WITH A HARSH SEASON UPON US, A CHECK ON HOW IT COULD IMPACT WATER AVAILABILITY, POWER SUPPLY AND FORESTS ACROSS KARNATAKA

SUMMERTIME SCOURGES

TEAM TNIE

THIS summer could be a harsh one. Rising temperatures across the state are a forewarning about what April and May could be like, say weather experts. As with every summer, there is concern about drinking water availability, the power situation and forest fires.

In Belagavi, the impact assessment of the approaching summer seems to have raised some worries. The supply of drinking water has been delayed several times during February. This year, the authorities were able to provide drinking water supply for only five days throughout the month.

Due to decreased water levels in Rakasakop reservoir, there has been a change in the schedule of water supply to Belagavi city, according to the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation authorities.

They say that this year, water level in the reservoir is approximately 4 feet lower than last year, which may result in disruption of 24/7 water supply, including the 24/7 demo zone of Belagavi city. Belagavi's public has been asked to use water sparingly, the authorities say.

Abhimanyu Daga, a noted water warrior who has been engaged in water conservation activities across Belagavi, says improper coordination and communication among government authorities and L&T is one of the major reasons for Belagavi facing drinking water supply problems. Also, water lifting from resources and proper distribution is required with strong technical support to sort the problem more efficiently. "We are unable to protect and utilise existing resources like wells and lakes which would have supplemented water in peak summers. Unauthorised borewells with a lack of ground water recharge has led to poor ground water levels, which was predicted long ago," Daga said.

Task forces in every taluk

Shivamogga Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer ND Prakash says arrangements are being made to face the upcoming summer. Task forces are formed in every taluk to evaluate the drinking water situation.

The task force to monitor drinking water supply consists of executive officers (EOs) and tahsildars of the respective taluks. A committee meeting will be held to prepare a plan on prevention of drinking water shortage in the identified villages.

The proceedings of the meeting will be analysed and sent to the state government by the end of March. Based on the task force report, a proposal will be sent to the government on the requirement of funds to manage uninterrupted supply of drinking water, he says.

The situation seems more dire in Dakshina Kannada. Water available at Thumbe Dam is sufficient only for the next 50 days. The Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) has urged citizens to use water judiciously, as there are chances of the city facing water scarcity if pre-monsoon showers do not begin soon.

Former mayor Premanand Shetty said the water level has come down to 5.9 metres at Thumbe Dam, against the maximum storage level of 6m, which is a matter of concern. "We depend on inflow to the Nethravathi river, but it has decreased, which will result in a water shortage in MCC limits in April and Mays. We have been ordered to stop water supply to construction and other commercial works on a temporary basis. We urge the public to use the water supplied only for drinking water purposes and use it judiciously. If pre-monsoon is delayed, we will face water shortage till June 15," he cautioned.

BIG PICTURE

He added that water will be utilised from the AMR Hydel power project's vented dam at Shamboor, upstream of Thumbe, where the water level is 18.9m at present, but this would still not be sufficient. "We are staring at a water crisis similar to what we faced in 2019. MCC Commissioner Channabasappa K has also directed engineers to submit an action plan as to how this water can be distributed ward-wise. We may have to opt for water rationing," Shetty added.

Cauvery at a low

Meanwhile, in Madikeri, with summer already setting in, the scarcity of water is being reported across urban areas, including Kushalnagar. The Cauvery has reached an alarmingly low level even before peak summer season, and steps are being taken by the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board to build sand bunds to preserve water for pumping into water supply units.

Officials, however, confirmed that the situation would come under control if the district gets pre-monsoon showers. With sprinkler irrigation activities carried out across coffee estates in the district, natural streams are drying up at a faster pace, and a few homestays pay up for drinking water supplied through tankers on the outskirts of Madikeri.

Meanwhile, wildlife is also being catered to at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. "To provide water to animals, solar powered water pumps have been installed to draw water to tanks. There are 17 tanks which are connected to solar pumps and there are other tanks which have water and can last till the end of the summer," said Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Harshakumar Chikkanaragund.

Forest fires

At Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, preparations are being made to protect forests and wildlife ahead of summer. "We have created a 2500-km forest fire line in eight forest ranges under the reserve. In order to handle potential forest fires, we have outsourced 400 fire watchers who will be deputed at all watchtowers. They will be in charge of providing information on forest fires, smoke and weather conditions through wireless devices. If there are any fires, they will inform staff and rush to the spot along with forest guards and officers to douse the fire. At vulnerable points, fire engines and quick response vehicles have also been stationed," DCF Harshakumar Chikkanaragund said.

He said the department has enough fire extinguishing equipment to handle any fires. "If there is a serious wildfire, the department will also provide helicopters. The fire service department deployed 14 fire tenders and 28 firemen at Nagarahole to handle any fires till the end of summer," he said.

Chikkanaragund appealed to people travelling inside the forest area not to smoke or carry inflammable material which can potentially start a fire. He also sought help in supporting the department.

This, however, does not seem to be the case in Dakshina Kannada. Forest fires in Shishila and Shibaje areas of Belthangady taluk and many other areas of Dakshina Kannada district have continued. Wildlife enthusiasts have started a campaign on social media, demanding swift action like the usage of helicopters to bring fires under control. They have demanded that the government immediately arrange helicopters from the Coast Guard or Indian Navy.

Similarly, in Kodagu, forest fires are threatening the rich vegetation and wildlife. Fire incidents on denotified forest lands are being reported every day across the district, and over 100 acres have been so far lost in the fire.

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POWER CUTS

In Belagavi, frequent power cuts during the summer is common in Athani, Chikkodi and Raibag taluks. According to people in those areas, even convincing replies from officials are not available. When summer is at its peak in April, along with the shortage of power supply, the availability of fodder also becomes difficult, they said.

WEATHER FORECAST

India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials say that as per the long-range forecast issued by the ministry, the forecast is probabilistic. "Near normal summer has been forecast for parts of south interior and north interior Karnataka for the month of March. Above normal summer temperature has been forecast for coastal Karnataka. A heat wave warning has also been issued for the month of April, for parts of north interior Karnataka, including Bidar, Vijayapura, Raichur, Bagalkote, Yadgir and other surrounding areas," said an IMD official. The officials say heat waves are normal during summers and will be short-lived. "A heat wave is declared when the temperature is 4-5 degree above normal for over two days, and in more than 2-3 stations. The highest of 40.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Karwar last week. This week, Panambur has been recording temperature of around 39- 39.6 degree Celsius. In fact, Bengaluru has been recording cool temperatures in March, varying around 28- 30 degree Celsius," one of the officials says. The long-range forecast issued by the IMD states: "During MAM (March-April-May) season, above normal minimum temperatures are very likely over most parts of the country, except south peninsular India where normal to below normal minimum temperatures are likely. Above normal monthly minimum temperatures are most likely during March 2023 over most parts of India..."

MGNREGA WORKERS

For the safety and health of workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), officials at the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR) are issuing a circular advising people to start work early (even at 7am) and wind up before noon. This would be especially applicable for regions of North Karnataka and Hyderabad-Karnataka, where summer is harsh during MAM.

HEALTH EFFECT

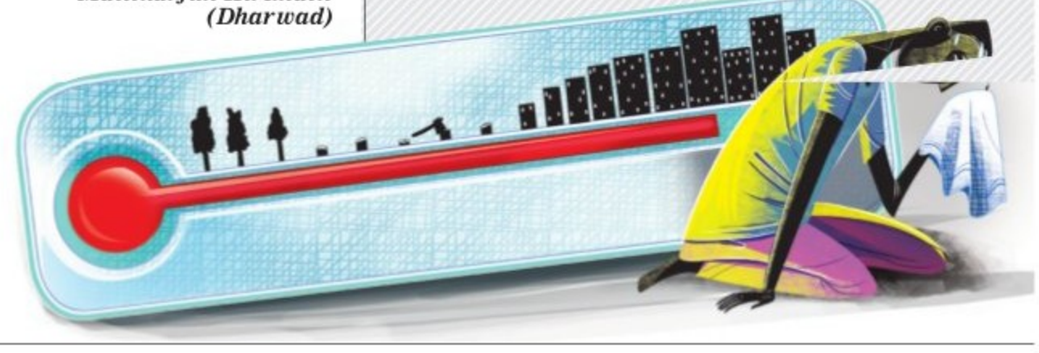
With early onset of summer, cases of influenza and viral infections are rising, as are cases of H3N2. This forced the state health department to issue a heat wave advisory alert, citizens not to venture out from 12 noon to 3pm, especially women, children and senior citizens. The department also advised people to avoid hot drinks like tea, coffee and alcohol, and consume healthy fruits, food and more liquids.

STUDENT SAFETY

To ensure the safety of students, especially those writing exams, the education department has ensured that all exams are scheduled in the early morning hours and centres are located close to the homes or schools of children. Education department officials said directions have also been issued to teachers to ensure there is sufficient water and if need be, some sweets for children who may find the heat oppressive.

POWER SECTOR

As per Bescom records, the demand for power is not going below 7000 - 7200 MW on a daily basis since January. They said this was because most parts of south interior Karnataka, especially areas surrounding Bengaluru, have been experiencing warm and bright sunny days since January.



Doctors treat T'gana CM for stomach ulcer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

CHIEF Minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao** on Sunday visited the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG) in Gachibowli after developing abdominal discomfort.

The AIG Hospitals Chairman and Chief of Gastroenterology, Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, issued a health bulletin stating that Rao developed abdominal discomfort in the morning. He added that CT and Endoscopy was performed to examine the cause of the abdominal discomfort.

"A small ulcer in the stomach was found which is being managed medically, his other parameters are normal," Dr Reddy said in the health bulletin. He returned home after undergoing various tests at the hospital.

The CM was accompanied by family members, Rajya Sabha MP Santosh Kumar, Planning Commission Vice President B Vinod Rao, former Assembly speaker Madhusudanachari and other BRS leaders during his visit to the hospital.

Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister held a meeting, which lasted for about one-and-half-hour, with his daughter Kavitha who appeared before the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the Delhi liquor policy scam. The meeting was also attended by IT Ministers KT Rama Rao and Health and Finance Minister Harish Rao. The meeting assumes significance as ED summoned Kavitha to appear before them again on March 16.

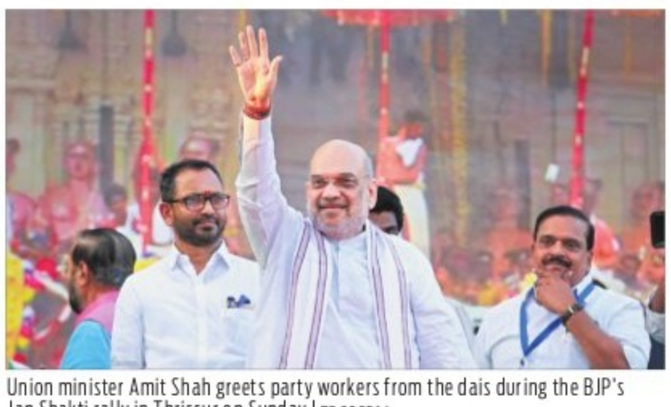
SHAH: BACK BJP TO MAKE KERALA DEVELOPED, STRONG AND SAFE

MANOJ VISWANATHAN
@ Thrissur

TAKING a dig at the LDF government in Kerala, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday wondered what could one expect from those who failed to douse the fire at the Brahmapuram waste plant even after 10 days to do for the state.

"A fire has been raging in Kochi since March 2. The government has failed to douse it. What can those who cannot douse a fire do for Kerala," he asked while launching BJP's preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections at the Jan Shakti rally in Thrissur.

Presenting a long list of development projects implemented in Kerala by the Narendra Modi government, Shah refuted allegations of step-motherly treatment towards the state, and urged Keralites to sent BJP representatives to the Lok Sabha in 2024.



Union minister Amit Shah greets party workers from the dais during the BJP's Jan Shakti rally in Thrissur on Sunday | TP SOORAJ

Targeting the Left government, Shah said the Communists did not have an answer to the allegations levelled against their leaders in the gold smuggling case. "The former principal secretary of the chief minister has been arrested in the LIFE mission case. I urge the chief minister to respond to the allegations. The people of Kerala will make you speak in 2024," he told the huge crowd that had gathered at Thekkinkad maidan braving the summer heat.

Shah said Kerala has a public debt of ₹3.40 lakh crore. "The state finance minister says Kerala is facing a grave financial crisis. I urge the people to give BJP a chance. We will make Kerala developed, strong and safe. The world has rejected Communism and India has rejected Congress. Neither of them can develop Kerala," he said.

Shah said the Modi government has done in nine years what the Congress couldn't in 70 years. To make the country self reliant, defence production was increased by 272%, he said.

Shah said the BJP government banned Popular Front of India as part of its crackdown on terrorism.

Too hot to handle! People in DK struggle with rising temperature

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

PEOPLE are struggling to cope with a relentless heat wave, with temperatures reaching record highs in coastal Karnataka. Panambur in Mangaluru recorded the highest maximum temperature of 39.6 degrees Celsius on Saturday. Having to contend with sun burns and other humidity-related disorders, people are being extra cautious. Citizens blamed damage to nature as the only reason for extreme weather conditions.

Santhosh Poojary, who works in a private college in Bantwal, said he has developed sun burns as he is allergic to sunshine. Joshwa from Mangaluru said that the rise in temperature is a manmade catastrophe. "We need to plant more saplings, conserve the existing trees and preserve and re-energise open water resources," he said. Preethi D'Souza, a beautician from Mangaluru, said, "The minute I come home from work, I feel so drenched and exhausted. Even my kids are complaining of the severe heat outside."

"Rising temperatures reduce the performance levels for people and consumes significant energy leading to fatigue. Heat-induced stress is also leading to increased cardiovascular risks, which is being pointed out by a growing body of evidence. Almost everyday, firecrackers are burst in Mangaluru, which will make the weather worse and it will significantly damage the environment at large, besides eventually contributing to air pollution and noise pollution," said Dr Edmond Fernandes, Director, Edward & Cynthia Institute of Public Health.

People find relief in cool coconut water, as temperature soars in Mangaluru | EXPRESS

Prasad A, an IMD scientist from Bengaluru, says during the summer, the probability of above normal temperatures in coastal Karnataka is around 50 per cent, as per the seasonal forecast and there is slight fall in temperatures now and they are expecting light rain in the third week of March. "Dakshina Kannada witnessed two heat wave spells on March 3, 4, 5 and 10," he said.

The extreme weather conditions are causing health disorders. Dakshina Kannada DHO Dr Kishore Kumar said the heat wave and rising temperature cause dehydration, muscle cramps, viral infections, and senior citizens and pregnant women need extra care. "One has to drink plenty of water, fruit juices, lemonade, buttermilk, and coconut water, which will help maintain the body's vitamins and minerals. People need to avoid roaming in the sun. If there is a fainting attack or severe weakness, one needs to consult a doctor immediately," he advised.

Better if Bandi withdraws remark against Kavitha, says BJP's Arvind

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DISOWNING Telangana BJP president **Bandi Sanjay**'s controversial statement against BRS MLC K Kavitha, BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind on Sunday felt that it would be better if his party colleague withdrew his statement.

Arvind emphasised that Sanjay alone could give an explanation for his statement.

It may be recalled that Sanjay had said that "whether the Enforcement Directorate would kiss the culprit (referring to Kavitha), instead of arresting her", while addressing the Mahila Morcha activists at the BJP party office on March 8.

BRS workers staged protests against Sanjay for the remarks, which they claimed were aimed at Kavitha.

Speaking to reporters in New Delhi on Sunday, Arvind said that though the statement was a popular phrase in Telangana, when one uses it, one needed to be very careful and sensitive.

"Sanjay is an individual, Member of Parliament and the party's state unit president. When you are a state unit president of a national party, the position is not a power centre, but a coordination centre," he said, adding that he didn't support Sanjay's statement and that it had nothing to do with the party.

Arvind also said that Kavitha wasn't cooperative during her questioning by the ED.

He said that Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and Kavitha were believed to have threatened Arun Ramachandran Pillai, one of the accused in the Delhi liquor policy case, and this was the reason behind the latter approaching a court seeking to withdraw the statements he had made to ED officials. "The chief minister's family members are tense because they looted thousands of crores of people's money. KCR should resign and go for elections if he is blameless," Arvind said.

EXPRESS READ

Palaniswami's name in FIR over ruckus

MADURAI: AIADMK interim general secretary and former Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami's name has been included in an FIR registered over an incident in which a man was beaten up by party workers after he shouted slogans against EPS, police said on Sunday.

Former AP CM Kiran Kumar quits Congress

VIJAYAWADA: Former AP chief minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy resigned to the primary membership of the Congress party. Reddy sent his resignation to the AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on March 11. He is likely to join the BJP in the next couple of days, sources said.

EDITORIAL

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured — Mark Twain

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— Ramnath Goenka

BIG NATION POWER PLAY BEHIND CHINA SEWING UP SAUDI-IRAN DEAL

By pulling off a stunning deal between Iran and Saudi Arabia on the day he formally began his third term as Chinese president, Xi Jinping apparently sought to lay the first brick for his legacy as a superpower peacemaker. By doing so, he expanded his geopolitical footprint in West Asia, the traditional stomping ground for the US. Putting Shia Iran and Sunni Saudi Arabia in the same basket is like placing cotton and a matchstick together. It is fraught with the risk of ignition due to friction anytime. The last time they became bitter rivals was in 2016, when Riyadh executed a prominent Shia cleric. Yet, Xi took a bet on the yearning to cool bilateral temperatures on both sides. His historic trip to Saudi Arabia last December, where he also addressed the Gulf heads of state, had announced his arrival as a counterweight to the corrosive US diplomacy in West Asia—including covert CIA operations—for its energy security.

China and Iran struggle to fight off harsh US sanctions, while Beijing is Riyadh's biggest oil consumer. And Saudi-US ties are not as solid as they used to be. That said, Riyadh can't expect Tehran to cease arming Houthi rebels in Yemen in the short run, so the danger of rogue drones attacking oil major Aramco, which has just posted a record $161 billion in profit, is very much alive. Curiously, the deal comes when Iran is this close to building a nuclear device as it already has 84% enriched uranium, just 6% short of bomb grade. In the last decade, the Saudi king demanded US bombing of Iran to kill its nuclear bomb programme.

Back to Xi, he is also peddling a peace formula for Ukraine that offers little clarity on the status of territories Russia is squatting on. The only supporters of the formula are Russia and its satellite Belarus. While Xi's initiatives may appear laudable, the impression that he is a wolf in sheep's clothing is not easy to shake off due to China's aggressive territorial claims across its land and sea borders. No nation that disrespects international rules-based governance can be trusted to be a peace messiah. The more plausible explanation for his West Asian initiative is Xi building the ground to replace Russia as the second pole in what could be Cold War II with the US.

US BANK COLLAPSE A LESSON FOR THE REST

The collapse of the Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) in the US is a stark reminder that overexuberance and aggression cannot be stretched beyond a point without breaking the system. The Silicon Valley Bank—a bank of startups and venture capitalists (VCs)—threw caution to the wind like its over-glorified customers often do. It took aggressive bets on debt securities and ultimately folded up. SVB is not the first bank to collapse as it did, and it won't be the last. But every time a bank like this collapses, it exposes loopholes on many levels.

The first level of the problem is structural: a system created by monetarists, who prefer easy money thrown at banks, investors and businesses to give a fillip to a sagging economy instead of subscribing to Keynesian philosophy, which relies on driving consumption through government intervention. The easy money pumped into the system worldwide by central banks at the peak of the pandemic in 2020 made its way to venture capitalists, who, in return, excessively funded startups of all hues and colours (with or without merit).

Silicon Valley Bank, being a bank of startups and venture capitalists, saw startup founders and VCs line up at its counters to park some of that easy money there. Now, flushed with cash, SVB had around $200 billion in deposits by the first quarter of 2022, up from $60 billion at the start of 2020. The bank took a concentrated bet on long-term mortgage-backed securities (instead of short-term securities with virtually zero risk) to generate better returns for its VC and startup clientele. Worse, it did not care to hedge the interest rate risk. And that was it. With excess money pushed into the system leading to higher inflation, central banks globally began to wind up their loose monetary policies, opting for interest rate hikes. Higher interest rates mean no takers for securities trading at lower yields, leading to a fall in prices. SVB suffered huge notional losses on the securities it held. That triggered customers, who rushed to withdraw their deposits, forcing SVB to liquidate $21 billion worth of securities (at a loss of $2 billion) to meet redemption requests.

The episode has a lesson for banks and banking regulators: banks should ideally stick to "conventional" banking and strictly follow the tighter capital adequacy and solvency rules. The SVB episode also exposes the risks of niche banking, where the focus is on specific customers rather than diversifying the risk with a wider clientele base.

QUICK TAKE

BEGGARY VS BEAUTY

The government beautifies Delhi and Nagpur for the forthcoming G20 conferences by also keeping beggars off city limits. They may return to their routine after the events conclude. It is inhuman. People beg as a last resort to survive. They are living proof of India being poverty-ridden despite consistent economic growth. They are not the face of self-reliance or *atmanirbharta*. Beggars get penalised for what is the State's failure to rehabilitate them. Their constitutional rights to a dignified life and livelihood are violated by deeming them eyesores. India urgently needs a central beggary law to end their social abandonment.

The temple attacks in Australia are part of a time-tested attempt to create enmity between Hindus and Sikhs

INDIA MUST QUELL RESURGENCE OF KHALISTANI THREAT

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Khalistani separatism may have been defeated in Punjab, but it has left a violent, blood-soaked and traumatic trail of memories. The disastrous Operation Bluestar and the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, and the subsequent Pakistan-supported insurgency, which K P S Gill and others brought under control in the 1980s. The wounds are fresh enough to be reopened.

That is exactly what seems to be happening. Newly anointed chief of "Waris Punjab De", Amritpal Singh, a previously unknown, clean-shaven Dubai-based young man, has suddenly catapulted into the limelight as a second Jarnail Bhindranwale. The recent clashes with the police, the storming of the Ajnala police station, and open threats to India's top ruling party leaders are just the latest examples of the rising tide of pro-Khalistani rhetoric. In one of his broadcasts, he warned, "If the government does not listen to our demands and release Sikhs from prison, we will change our course of action." More violence is sure to follow. So far, the government, both at the state and the Centre, seem to be doing little to stem this deadly tide.

The latest upsurge is in the backdrop of the widespread belief that the Khalistani lobby is behind the electoral success of the Aam Aadmi Party in Punjab, which came riding on the tailwinds of the year-long farmers' protests in Delhi. In tandem, Khalistanis in Canada and, more recently, in Australia have been ratcheting up their anti-India agitation. Even as Australian PM Anthony Albanese concludes a highly publicised state visit to India, complete with photo ops galore, not to mention cricket diplomacy at its highest, there have been concerns over the mounting Khalistani attacks on Hindu temples in Australia.

During the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, India lost the plot in Canada. The Ontario legislature even passed an anti-India resolution, calling the anti-Sikh riots of 1984 a "genocide". Neither could our High Commission, which must have seen the writing on the wall for years, nor the Indian community in such huge numbers, do much to counter the Khalistanis. The latter, incidentally, constitute a sizeable chunk of the Sikh vote bank in Canada, which the liberals in power do not wish to antagonise.

The rise of similar anti-Indian "militancy" in Australia is a grave concern. But what is different this time is that when it comes to Australia, both the government and the local community are not taking things lying down. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has raised concerns over attacks on Hindu temples with his counterpart, Albanese. The flashpoint is the state of Victoria, of which Melbourne is the biggest city. Khalistani-led "Sikhs for Justice" have been organising referendums to create an independent state of Khalistan. The map of Khalistan circulated includes much of North India, from Punjab to UP and Rajasthan, including Kashmir, Haryana, and Delhi. Conspicuous by its absence are areas of Pakistan, even Lahore, the erstwhile capital of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak. This points to a "Pakistani hand" in the mischief-making. India's diplomatic and strategic options are not unlimited, especially when pushing its interests in democratic and open societies. Under the garb of freedom of speech and other legal protections, anti-India and anti-social elements often thrive. This has been the experience in the past during the height of the Khalistani movement. It is as if history is repeating itself all over again.

SOURAV ROY

The attacks and vandalism of Hindu temples in Australia are part of a time-tested attempt to create enmity between Hindus and Sikhs. During the Khalistani unrest, many Hindus were dragged out of buses and gunned down. Now, Hindu temples are being attacked. Sikh separatism, both religious and secular in the broader cultural and civilisational trajectory, is already too far gone to be easily rectified. What is needed is a de-radicalisation of Sikhs both in India and abroad. For this to happen, however, all parties concerned must set politics aside, keeping in mind national interest. This, unfortunately, is unlikely to happen, given that Indian politics today resembles a state of war. There is uncompromising hostility between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the opposition.

More specifically, Manish Sisodia's arrest is seen as a move for AAP's jugular. Lack of political consensus on national security is a sure prescription for fringe groups and movements such as the neo-Khalistanis to thrive in India while overseas, all fissiparous agitations only feed into the colonialist-Marxist narrative that India is a multinational state, with different communities and ethnicities constantly in conflict with one another.

To return to Australia, last month, the honorary Consulate of India in Brisbane was vandalised by Khalistanis, who even posted their flag on the building. That this happened just a few days after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to Australia was even more galling. In a recent briefing, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We strongly condemn such attacks by extremist elements ... We conveyed our firm rejection of the so-called Khalistan referendum and politically motivated exercises by extremist elements."

A concerted and coordinated but multi-pronged response must be put in place to counter the Khalistan menace. The problem is not merely local or regional to Punjab but is also cross-border and international. There is possibly a drugs angle and a deeper, well-funded anti-India network behind it. Therefore, a consistent yet differential response is needed. This must be largely political in Punjab, with the police ensuring law and order whenever needed. Abroad, a strong diplomatic, economic, and counter-narrative pushback is required.

The enemies of India scarcely realise what a mighty enterprise the Indian state is. It cannot be vanquished, let alone undermined easily. Unless it chooses to be inactive and internally divided, as was the case earlier. Amritpal and his associates cannot be allowed to run amok or command a parallel administration using religious rhetoric to inflame sentiments. The Indian state must shut down hostile Khalistani operatives by using all the administrative, diplomatic, economic, strategic and military means at its command. We must, once again, overcome the Khalistani offence by promoting the attractiveness of India that is Bharat, both at home and abroad.

(Views are personal)
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HOW SAMYUKTA TACTFULLY DROVE THE BANDITS AWAY

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

This week, I would like to retell a Shan Buddhist story from Myanmar that I like very much. It shows us how Buddhist missionaries used local stories to convey the larger message that it was generally better to manage life's situations with maximum diplomacy and minimum damage.

This is not surprising given that Shan Buddhism is said to have a strong and distinct culture of 'daana' or generosity and giving, and though it may not be well known to the larger world, these values are deeply rooted in the Shan people and intensely treasured from ancient times. As you know, the Indic formula to obtain peace is carefully calibrated as 'sama, daana, bheda, danda'. In order, this means reconciliation, giving gifts, sowing division in the enemy ranks and finally, aggression. This is the preferred moral order, in which violence is the very last resort. It is interesting to see, even in this little story, how such values were internalised in the Indic bandwidth.

The Shan region in eastern Myanmar is a rich and pleasant land, inhabited by people of nine Asian backgrounds such as the Mongol, Chin, Kachin and Kayah, to name a few. Shan people include the Tai Ahom in Assam, who ruled for almost 600 years. Gold and silver were mined in the Shan land, and Burmese rubies, the best in the world. Large lakes, rushing rivers and vast limestone caves carved with over 6,000 images of the Buddha made the countryside beautiful, as did tall forests of teak, lush rice fields and delicious fruit and vegetables—the gifts of good climate, rich soil and hard work.

Long ago in this former earthly paradise there lived a landlord called Savatika in the village of Kokkalu. He rejoiced in the ownership of many buffaloes, vast acres of rice fields and coconut groves, large orchards, much pastureland and rooms full of silver and gold. He was a *mahaarthika*, which is a Sanskrit term for a rich and powerful person.

Savatika was the patron of the able-bodied youth of Kokkalu, who were both soldiers and farmers. They trained in warfare and weaponry and had regular exercises, drills and games of strength to keep themselves fighting fit. In between, they farmed the land and ate enormous, nourishing meals of pork, chicken, fish, fresh greens and rice, after which they chewed quantities of betel leaf and sometimes smoked a roll-up of tobacco. Full moons awoke their wit and Buddha Purnima their piety.

News came one day to Kokkalu that a venerable Buddhist monk was to visit a place in the region. Versions of this story even say that it was the Buddha himself who had come by in the course of his wide-ranging travels. Naturally, this was electrifying news. Everyone wanted to go but it was too far away to walk for the very young and the old. Finally, it was decided that all the young men of Kokkalu would go to seek blessings on behalf of the whole village.

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Hearing of this expedition, a local bandit king was quick to realise that Kokkalu would be left unguarded. He had long had a covetous eye on Savatika's wealth and decided that this was an excellent opportunity to raid and loot the *mahaarthika*.

However, Savatika heard of it through the jungle telegraph, that mysterious but reliable system of the rural 'underground'. The able-bodied youth had already left Kokkalu so he hastily armed the few old men left in the village to mount whatever defense they could.

But Savatika's little daughter Samyukta came up with another plan. She persuaded her father to deflect the robbers with finesse instead of fighting. This was pleasing to the man of property for it did away with the need for direct conflict, which in turn reduced the risk of possible harm to people, livestock and the homestead. But since he was also a father, he slipped his daughter his jade-handled dagger for he had watched her slaughter chickens with a steady arm and was assured that she would not lose her nerve in case matters turned difficult.

Tying up their long, black hair with pretty ribbons and carrying their water jars, Samyukta and her troop of little friends walked innocently to the edge of the mango grove where the ruffians had stopped to rest before launching their attack. The robbers were charmed to see the sweet little girls who offered them water and spoke to them politely as though they were respectable people. The bandit king was very pleased when Samyukta offered to fetch him provisions for lunch.

The girls came back to the bandits as planned with four wheelbarrows bearing rice, fish, oil, onions, pumpkins, spices and salt. Nor had they forgotten betel leaves, tea and tobacco. While they were handing out these luxuries with more sweet words, a pre-arranged drum roll from the village went 'da-da-da-drr-r-r'. When the bandits leapt up in fright, the little girls fibbed that it was only the sepoys left behind to protect the village in the absence of the other men. The bandit king rapidly reconsidered his plan and the entire band melted almost at once into the jungle, barely stopping to snatch up the provisions.

The able-bodied young men came back to Kokkalu after having offered their respects to the Buddhist monk, which had filled them with good, peaceful thoughts. However, they were furious when they heard about the intended attack, and were all for a counter raid on the robbers' jungle hideout. But Savatika calmed them down by pointing out that the bandits had been sent away with gifts and without violence. He invited the young men to a big celebratory feast in place of the proposed counter attack. And so they were persuaded and sat down to feast in great good humour. They made a big fuss of their little sisters and especially of Samyukta for managing it all so well, while the bandits, who were now far away, swore never to go near Kokkalu village again.

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ED's eye on Kavitha

Apropos of *Kavitha grilled by ED for about 9 hours* (Mar 12). The long duration of the grilling and the ED's summons to Kavitha to appear for another round of questioning on March 16 makes it evident that it has enough intel on KCR's daughter. The ED has its net cast wide to trap all those behind the liquor scam which has already put a huge question mark on the political future of the AAP.
C V Aravind, email

Rajinikanth in politics

Apropos of *I told Rajini not to enter politics, says ex-VP Venkaiah Naidu* (Mar 12). That a former vice president and a successful politician himself advised Rajinikanth not to enter politics sends a wrong message to the honest youth in the country who may now think twice before entering politics. Without good people in politics, how can we make substantial changes in society?
S Retnaswamy, Chennai

Power to artisans

Apropos of *Aim is to make today's artisans big entrepreneurs of tomorrow: Modi* (Mar 12). With the government's support and encouragement, artisans can create world-class products which will generate significant employment opportunities and contribute to the Indian economy's growth. Moreover, this initiative can also help preserve and promote our rich cultural heritage.
Poorvi Veerappa, email

Vision for waste disposal

Efficient waste disposal is a global necessity and our Brahmapuram dumpyard plant is apparently sans proper vision and planning. Considering the burgeoning waste in the future, we need unwavering policies/laws for scientific disposal of trash across the country.
Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

Gadag students at a loss

Apropos of *Gadag students travel 60 km to write PU exams* (Mar 12). Now more than ever, it is critical to put students' needs first. The government must provide transportation facilities to students from flood-affected areas. Excessive travel to the exam centre will take a physical and mental toll on them.
Manaswini Vunnava, Bengaluru

Seniors voting from home

Apropos of *Vote from home for 80+ to debut in K'taka* (Mar 12). Enabling seniors above 80 to vote from home in the Karnataka Assembly elections is a welcome step. This will certainly increase the voting percentage in the state. To achieve 100% voting, this facility must be extended to all states.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1
What is happening with the Adani-Hindenburg committee appt by SC? Will they rely only on SEBI & other govt agencies who are compromised?

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
Saudi Arabia-Iran rapprochement brokered in Beijing! Saudi Arabia is principal Sunni State and Iran principal Shia State-Middle East.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Such changes in MPLADS guidelines confirm BJPs anti-SC/ST attitude to perpetuate caste based social oppression.

V-P reaches out to Oppn ahead of House session

Congress chief invites 'like-minded' parties to strategise for second leg of Budget session beginning Monday

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AT an all-party meeting chaired by Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on the eve of the resumption of the second leg of the Budget session in Parliament, both the sides discussed ways for the smooth conduct of proceedings, which begins on Monday. While Chairman Dhankhar sought cooperation from party leaders for the smooth running of Parliament, the Opposition demanded that the Chair should allow discussion on issues of national importance.

The first part of the Budget session, which was concluded on February 13, witnessed continuous disruption and ruckus over the Opposition members' demand for an independent inquiry on the Hindenburg Research report which accused the Adani group of stock manipulation and fraud. During the session, both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha did not see any transaction of business due to the Opposition's protests over the Adani issue.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha) during a meeting at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas in New Delhi | PTI

CPM Rajya Sabha MP Elamaram Kareem, who participated in the all-party meeting, told this newspaper that the Opposition leaders have conveyed to the Chairman in unequivocal terms that debates are paramount for the healthy functioning of the House. "We conveyed to him that disruptions happen because the Chair is not allowing us to debate on issues that affect the public whether it's Adani or others. Parliament is the only forum to discuss those issues. However, no consensus emerged out of the meeting," said Kareem.

The session may also see the coming together of all Opposition parties to challenge the government on various issues. At least 15 Opposition parties took part in the meeting, said another leader. The leaders who participated in the meeting include Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav, CPI leader Benoy Viswam, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh, Kerala Congress (M) leader Jose K Mani among others. However, TMC leaders couldn't participate due to some inconvenience said another leader.

Separately, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge also met Dhankar and he said "ahead of the forthcoming session of Parliament to seek his cooperation. During the meeting, the Chairman also sought cooperation from all parties for the smooth running of Parliament," he said in a tweet. A strategy will be decided in a meeting of like-minded parties on Monday, called by the Congress President.

However, several leaders said that the upcoming session may witness another set of confrontations between the government and the Opposition. While the Opposition parties said they are sticking to the demand for an independent inquiry into the Adani row, they are also gearing up to corner the government on issues such as the misuse of the Enforcement Directorate targeting Opposition leaders, breach of privilege proceedings against 12 MPs, and suspension of a Congress MP among others. The Opposition will also rake up appointments of V-P staff in various House Panels.

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>
> Elamaram Kareem, CPM MP

Congress Chief Whip K Suresh told this paper that the party is hoping that all Opposition parties will come together to take on the government in the House. Besides passing the Budget, the government is likely to bring in the eagerly awaited Data Protection Bill in the session.

Online surveillance to intensify over high radicalisation content

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

AMID raids and investigations carried out by the National Investigation Agency on activities linked to terror modules and radicalisation, the Ministry of Home Affairs has directed the police heads of states and union territories to draw a list of fugitives and operatives whose names have surfaced in investigations.

The move is in order to keep a strict vigil on social media platforms that are being used by Pakistan-backed militants to mobilise and influence impressionable Indian youth to indulge in anti-India activities.

According to sources in the ministry, earlier it was believed that these activities were only restricted to J&K region but the recent crackdowns have revealed that radicalisation is a rampant activity spread across in more than 20 Indian states with social media platforms including WhatsApp, Telegram being used by handles and local operatives using Pakistan-prepared literature and content.

The fact that Pakistan handles playing an active role in radicalising Indian youth – and also motivating them to join militant groups supported like LeT and JeM - came to the fore in one of the recent chargesheets filed by NIA In Patna.

The NIA alleged that the accused Danish was the admin of WhatsApp group *'Ghazwa E Hind'* created by a Pakistani national Zain, and had added many people from India and from other countries like Pakistan and Yemen, with an intention to radicalise them for terrorist activities.

Danish had created the said *'Ghazwa E Hind'* group on different social media platforms viz WhatsApp, Telegram, and Bip Messenger.

Also, in a recent case, under NIA investigation that raises concern, a Delhi based tout, who has been securing visa for Indian technicians and labourers seeking work permits to Islamic countries, was misusing their Aadhar cards to procure secure SIM cards, details of which were being passed on to Pak handles, to circulate caustic literature and videos aimed at radicalising Indian youth.

No coverage for SC/STs in new MPLADS guidelines

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a move that will have far-reaching consequences on the population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country, the government has modified the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), which will come into effect from April 1 this year.

According to revised guidelines issued by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, it is now not mandatory for MPs to allocate 15 per cent and 7.5 per cent of the annual funds of ₹5 crore under MPLADS for various development activities in areas predominantly inhabited by SC and ST population, respectively.

Flagging the dilution in the scheme, CPM MP **John Brittas** wrote to the Union government saying that the move is detrimental to the interests of the SC and ST population of the country.

He also urged the government to put partisan politics aside to withdraw the modification and retain the extant provision.

According to the 2016 guidelines, "There is a greater need to develop areas inhabited by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to give special attention for infrastructure development of such areas. MPs are to recommend every year, works costing at least 15 per cent of the MPLADS entitlement for the year for areas inhabited by Scheduled Caste population and at least 7.5 per cent of the total MPLADS entitlement for the year for areas predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Tribe population."

What the earlier policy recommended

The 2016 guidelines say there is a great need to develop areas inhabited by SC & STs where infrastructure development can be pushed. The MPs were supposed to recommend every year work costing which is at least 15% of the MPLADS entitlement for the year in areas inhabited by such communities.

Brittas points out that out of the 25 crore for an MP for five years under MPLADS, the mandatory allocation of 15 per cent for the SC population would come to 3.75 crore. Likewise, a 7.5 per cent allocation for the ST population would come to 1.875 crore.

"The impact of the modification in the new guidelines can be scaled in the light of these statistics," he said.

In a tweet, he said "Obligatory annual allocation of 15% & 7.5% to SC-ST population from MPLADS was an egalitarian and inclusive provision,"

"Unfortunately that this mandatory clause got deleted in new MPLADS guidelines, detrimental to the interests of the SC/ST population," he said, adding that the government should reverse the decision.

Post-Covid, Rlys exceeds profit expectations

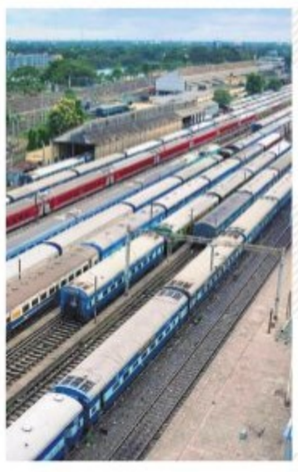
RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

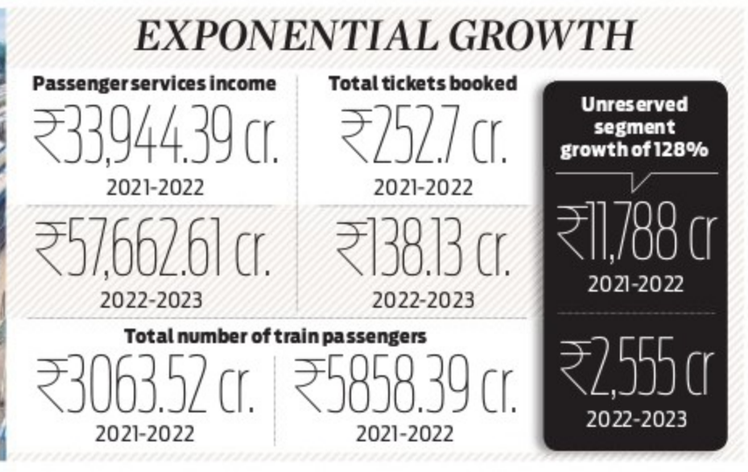
THE Indian Railways has registered an exponential growth in earnings of the passenger segment, exceeding the total earnings of last year. During the financial year of 2021-22, the Railways had earnings of ₹33,944.39 crore from the passenger services which increased to ₹57,662.61 crore during the financial year of 2022-23.

According to sources, earnings increased after restoring all passenger trains services and proper monitoring of services by the railways to increase the earnings.

"Indian Railways also registered huge surge in the number of passengers carried in financial year 2022-23 just because of providing safe and comfortable journeys from one place to another," remarked a senior railway official.

He said that a total number of 5,858.39 million passengers undertook the train journeys from across the country during 2022-23. "Earlier, a total of number of only 3,063.52 millions passengers had travelled by trains during the financial year of 2021-22 which rose to 5,858.39 million till February 28 in 2023", a railway official further added. As per available data, in the unreserved passenger segment, a total 45,180 lakh passengers booked their tickets from April 1 in 2022 to January 31 in 2023 as compared to 19,785 lakh during the same period in 2021-22 registering an increase of 128%. As result of this growth in unreserved segment, the Railways earned ₹11,788 crore during April 1 to January 31 in 2023 compared to ₹2,555 crore in the same period of last year.





Sources also added that the Railways has also registered growth in automobile transportation by achieving a 69% with 5,015 rakes loaded from April 1 in 2022 to February 28 in 2023. In 2021-22, the Railways had transported only 2,966 rakes of automobiles that rose to 5,015 rakes in 2022-23.

The Railways also has set a target of loading 1,475 MT of freight for earning revenue of ₹1.65 trillions in the 2022-23. The railway sources said that 352.73 crore passengers booked tickets during April 1 and November 30 last year surpassing the record of 138.13 crore passengers who booked the tickets during the same period of last year.

Quoting the economic survey 2022-23, the railway sources said that enhanced mobility across the country and demand for faster and competitive trains will assist the growth in passenger traffic in the coming years also.

Earning increased after restoration of all services

According to Railway sources, earnings increased after restoring all passenger trains services and proper monitoring of services by the railways to increase the earnings.

Most people have access to drinking water, says survey

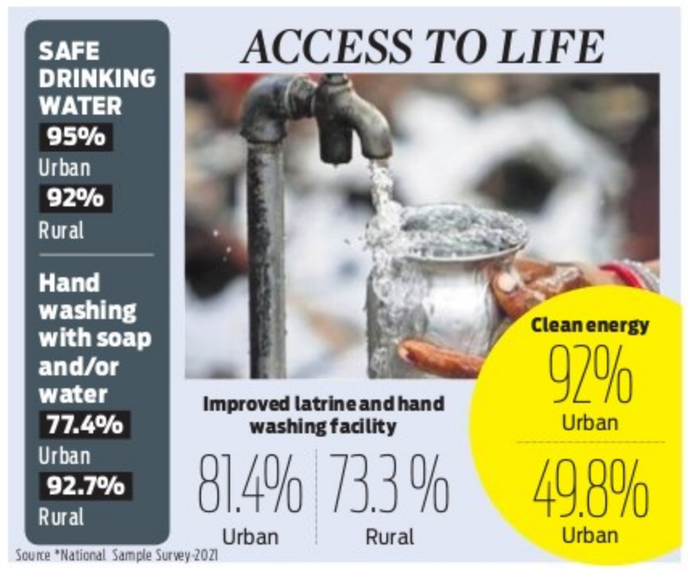
RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WITH sustained government efforts, the people's accessibility to safe drinking water, hand washing and other sanitation facilities has improved in the country's rural and urban areas in the last few years, says a report of the government's National Sample Survey-2021, released this month.

The report claims that nearly 95% of people living in rural and 97.2% living in urban areas of the country have access to safe drinking water. The report came during a survey conducted in 2020-21. The findings point out that nearly 77.4% of the total population living in rural areas and 92.7% in urban areas (cities and small towns) have access to hand-washing facility with water or soap. The report states that around 56.3% of people living in rural areas and about 76.3% in urban areas have the facilities of improved source of drinking water located within household premises.

According to the report, 78.7% of rural households and nearly 97.1% urban households have the shared accessibility to washrooms. About 97.5% people in rural areas and 99% in urban areas have access to improved toilet facility.

Nearly 67.8% of rural people aged about 18 and above, and nearly 83.7% rural people of the same age bracket were found using mobile phones with active SIM cards during the three months preceding the date of the survey 2020-21. Amid tall claims of the government on developing road infrastructure, nearly 92.5% of rural households reported the availability of all-weather roads within two km from the place of living. The report also sheds light on migration causes in the country. As per the report, employment among males has been found as the prime reason for migration with 38.7% in rural areas and 56.1% in urban areas.



POWER GAMES

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Operation Northeast

BJP'S TRIPURA GOVT HANGS BY A DELICATE THREAD

The BJP-IPFT alliance has formed a government in Tripura after getting a wafer-thin majority in the just-concluded election in the state. In the 60-member Tripura assembly, the BJP-led alliance won 33 seats – of which, the BJP bagged 32 seats and its partner, Indigenous People's Front of Tripura, got one. Sources said that in order to avoid power struggle in the state, the central leadership has asked Union minister Pratima Bhowmik to resign from the state legislative assembly. Bhowmik was considered as one of the candidates for the post of chief minister when the party announced her candidature in the assembly elections. But the party decided to retain sitting chief minister Manik Saha. According to sources, Pratima is reluctant to return to Delhi but will ultimately put in her papers as an MLA. This will bring down the ruling alliance's number in the assembly. To give the new government stability, top party leaders, including home minister Amit Shah, party president J P Nadda, BJP's pointsman for northeast Himanta Biswa Sarma and the state chief minister met Pradyot Debbarma, whose Tipra Motha party won 13 seats in the new assembly. They asked him to join the government and offered him three cabinet berths, including the post of deputy chief minister. Debbarma has turned down the offer and instead asked the BJP to first consider his party's demand for greater autonomy for the tribal areas of the state. The Union government has promised to appoint an interlocutor to engage with Debbarma and other stakeholders and give a report on the feasibility of granting more autonomy within three months. Northeast watchers say the next three months will be crucial for the new government as some of the ministers have already started complaining about the portfolios given to them. According to sources, Himanta is well aware of the disgruntlement in the new government and is busy firefighting.

Bike Taxi

DELHI GOVT'S POLICY DELAY PUTS OPERATORS IN A FIX

The growth of online shopping in India has seen a phenomenal increase in the use of motorbikes for deliveries. Companies such as Rapido, Ola, Uber, In-drive, Amazon, Zomato, Swiggy, Dunzo, Brozo, besides a number of courier and other operators, use bikes for commercial purposes. Some of these companies are operating bike taxis to carry passengers in a large number of cities. While the central government has an omnibus law governing the operation of taxis in general, states have lately started framing their own laws to specifically deal with the mushrooming of bike taxi services. According to industry estimates, about 80% bikes used for commercial purposes are used for food and grocery deliveries. The remaining 20% are used as passenger taxis. Passenger taxis in Delhi are doing between seven to ten million trips per week. While some states have framed laws that prohibit use of bikes with white number plates for commercial services, the Delhi government has not come up with such a law. It has, however, started challaning white plate bikes used for commercial service. The operators have protested against the state government's action. They say the government should come up with a law to regulate the use of bikes, and they will follow it. Sources said the operators may seek legal recourse to stop the government action in the absence of law.

PUNJAB ARMS LICENSE

There are 3.73 lakh arms licenses in Punjab with Gurdsapur having the maximum of them. The state govt has cancelled 813 arms licenses and of them, 89 belonged to persons who had criminal background.

5 KILLED IN ACCIDENT IN UP'S SULTANPUR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	22	Mumbai	36	25
Bhopal	34	19	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	32	20	Patna	34	20
Amritsar	31	15	Lucknow	33	20
Chennai	33	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	37	24	Imphal	33	10
Srinagar	17	4	Chandigarh	32	17

Eco-tourist fee for Yatra heli pilgrims

To make Badrinath garbage-free, Char Dham pilgrims to shell out ₹20 extra plus the fee

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

ECO-TOURISM TAX CHARGED EARLIER AND NOW FROM VEHICLES

	THEN	NOW
Helicopter	Zero	₹1000 per round
Bus	₹100 per vehicle	₹120 per vehicle
Tempo Traveller	₹70	₹100
Car, Jeep, Van, Sumo	₹40	₹60
Two-wheeler	₹10	₹10

DURING the Char Dham Yatra this time, the Nagar Panchayat Badrinath will charge an eco-tourist fee as well from the helicopter operators ferrying the pilgrims to Badrinath Dham. The fee has been fixed at ₹1,000 for each flight.

Sources said the eco-tourist fee that was charged from vehicles carrying pilgrims and tourists to the Dham at the barrier at Dev Darshani will now be charged from copter companies from this yatra season. The Nagar Panchayat also initiated action to revise the fee.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Joshimath Kumkum Joshi, the officer in charge of Nagar Panchayat Badrinath, told this newspaper: "This time, the eco-tax has been revised in Badrinath Dham. Vehicles as well as helicopter companies will also be charged a tourist fee of ₹1,000 per trip. The new fee will be used by the Nagar Panchayat on environment and tourism development at its own level."

On the lines of Mussoorie, Nagar Panchayat Badrinath will also spend 25% of the eco-tourist fee on the winter carnival at Dham. Sunil Purohit, executive officer of Nagar Panchayat, said: "Just like the winter carnival in Mussoorie with eco-tourist fees, the winter carnival will also be organized in Badrinath Dham."

"Under the plan to make Badrinath Dham garbage-free, pilgrims will be charged an additional ₹20 along with an eco-tourist fee, in return for which they will be given a bag," said Yogendra Singh, chief executive officer of Badri Kedar Temple Committee. Pilgrims can leave with whatever garbage they carried until they stay at the dham. The trash will be kept in a bag and placed on the barrier at the time of departure, on which the nagar panchayat staff will return ₹20 taken from them. With this, the dham can be kept plastic and garbage free.

Last time the total number of Chardham pilgrims was 46,81,131, including 17,60,449 pilgrims in Badrinath, 33,23,927 pilgrims who reached Kedarnath, 1110204 reached Gangotri and Yamunotri as well as 247,000 pilgrims who reached Sri Hemkunt Sahib.

The challenges before the government regarding this year's Chardham Yatra are huge considering the Joshimath land submergence, on which the government will primarily focus on the safety of the pilgrims.

For a cause: Raj allots land to save rare Great Indian Bustard

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Rajasthan government has taken an important initiative to save the fast-disappearing state bird, the Great Indian Bustard (Godavan). The state government has allotted 15,878 bighas of revenue land of four villages located in the Desert National Park area of Jaisalmer (free of cost) to the Forest Department for the protection and preservation of wildlife, specially the Great Indian Bustard.

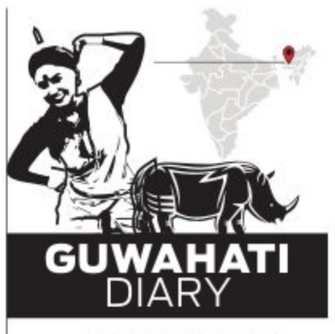
With this additional land, some new closures of Godavan will be made in the Desert National Park and better resources will be made available for breeding of the endangered bird which is listed in schedule first of wildlife conservation in the country.

Locally called 'Godawan', the bird has been categorised as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The bird, which once inhabited 12 states, is wiped out from 90% of its former habitat and is confined to three small pockets: Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, the grasslands of Kutch in Gujarat and the tri junction of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Confirming the fresh allotment of land, Forest Conservator of Desert National Park Ashish Vyas said that he had sent a proposal to the state government for new resources for Godavan protection and breeding.

In the proposal of the department, the requirement of more land regarding Godavan protection was especially demanded.

With this proposal, the state government has issued an order to transfer 15,878.12 bighas of land of total 183 khasra numbers of Jamda, Bida, Chauhani and Barna villages to the revenue tehsil of Jaisalmer's Desert National Park.



GUWAHATI DIARY

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Maharashtra MLA stirs hornet's nest

The protests in Assam against Maharashtra MLA Bachchu Kadu's "send stray dogs to Assam" comment have continued. The Opposition parties disrupted the speech of Governor Gulab Chand Kataria on the first day of the budget session of the Assembly. Congress MLA Kamalakhya Dey Purkayastha demanded that the House take a resolution against Kadu. The Maharashtra legislator had allegedly suggested that the rising population of stray dogs could be checked by sending them to Assam where its meat is consumed. Animal rights activists slammed him for the "outrageous" remarks.

MLA goes to House riding bicycle, stopped

A BJP MLA had a harrowing time riding his way into the Assembly complex the other day. The security personnel stopped Terash Gowalla, who arrived riding a bicycle, after failing to recognise him. This ensued a heated exchange of words between both sides and later, a senior police officer brought the situation under control. The Duliajan MLA lodged a complaint with the speaker and demanded a probe into the incident. Stating that he has been coming to the Assembly on a bicycle for six years, he asked if the cops cannot recognise an MLA, how they would recognise thieves.

Congress wants grand alliance, again

The Congress is working towards forming a grand alliance of smaller parties to take on the might of BJP in next year's Lok Sabha elections. The leaders of various parties, such as CPM, CPI, Assam Jatiya Parishad, Raijor Dal, Jatiya Dal Asom, Rashtriya Janata Dal, NCP and Liberal Democratic Party, discussed the possibility of the grand alliance at a meeting in Guwahati on March 10. AIUDF, TMC and AAP were not invited to the meeting. The Congress fought the 2021 Assam elections after forming a "Mahajot" (grand alliance) with AIUDF but failed to stop the BJP from retaining power.

Woman's body chopped, buried at various sites in Kashmir

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A 45-year-old man killed a 30-year-old woman, who was scheduled to get married in August, by chopping off her head, cutting the body into pieces and burying the parts at different locations in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The brutal killing of the girl has caused outrage across the Valley with people demanding hanging of the accused in public.

While police is yet to reveal the motive of the killing, the girl's relatives alleged that the accused had earlier approached her family with a marriage proposal with some guy but she had rejected it.

A complaint was filed that the 30-year-old was missing since March 7. She had left for computer classes from home but didn't return home in the evening. Police picked up some suspects including 45-year-old Shabir Ahmad Wani, who confessed to killing the girl.

The head of the girl was recovered from the compound of residence of the accused. "The main body (from neck to torso) was recovered near a bridge. The limbs and arms were recovered from a water tank near his residence, the SSP said. The accused, a mason, is married and has two children.

Khalistan link: 2 arrested in MP for threatening to storm Modi stadium

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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TWO men have been arrested by Gujarat police from eastern Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district, in connection with a bulk video and voice message, allegedly released by a pro-Khalistan group threatening to storm the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad ahead of the ongoing India-Australia cricket test match.

According to a Gujarat police official, the Ahmedabad police's cybercrime cell traced the message's origin to a call spoofing facility set up in MP's Rewa district. Based on a subsequent probe, the Gujarat cops arrested two people from Rewa district of Vindhya region on Sunday.

Prior to the India-Australia cricket match, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, a mass message urging people to stay safe at home was sent out. The message warned that a pro-Khalistan group planned to storm the cricket stadium and raise its flag. According to authorities, the message, which supposedly came from Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the leader of US headquartered-terrorist group "Sikhs for Justice," threatened to sabotage the cricket match.

Meanwhile, reports from Bhopal said two alleged extremist religious preachers, who've reportedly been involved of late in instigating people against democracy, were picked up for questioning by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) sleuths from Seoni district of south eastern Madhya Pradesh on Saturday.

An NIA team accompanied by an MP police, raided the residential premises of three men, including Abdul Aziz, Shoaib Khan and Akram. Two of these men, Abdul Aziz (around 40) and Shoaib Khan (around 26) were detained by the NIA and taken for further questioning in connection with NIA's regular case (46/2022) pertaining to experimental bomb blast and burning of national flag by three ISIS operatives in Shivmogga in November last year.

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WOMAN POWER

Participants at Women's Day Saree Run organised to mark the International Women's Day, in Chandigarh on Sunday | PTI

Uddhav aide's ED custody extended

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

UDDHAV Thackeray's faction leader Sadanand Kadam's custody to the Enforcement Directorate has been extended for 14 days for an alleged money laundering case with Sai resort case.

Sadanand Kadam, businessman, the brother of former minister Ramdas Kadam has considered being a close associate of Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Anil Parab.

Kadam was produced before a holiday court where the 14 days custody to ED was granted for further investigations. ED in its charges stated that Uddhav faction leader Anil Parab, in connivance with Kadam, built the Sai Resort NX by investing unaccounted money. While developing Sai resort, the coastal regulation zone (CRZ)-III rules were violated.

The central agency claimed that the value of this Sai resort land in Dapoli in Ratnagiri is around ₹2.74 crore, and on the said land the resort valued at ₹7.46 crore. The ED claimed the land measuring 42.14 guntas from Vibhas Sathe for consideration of ₹1.80 crore, out of which an amount of ₹80 lakh was paid in cash and the cash was handed over to Sathe by Kadam on behalf of Parab.

Meanwhile, the ED has summoned senior NCP leader and MLA Hasan Mushrif for questioning on Monday in a money laundering case. Earlier, the ED had conducted searches at multiple premises linked to him in January.

Hungry bears on prowl as layers of snow cover Badrinath surroundings

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

AMID snowfall at high peaks around Badrinath, when the area is largely abandoned by the local populace, wild bears have damaged several residential and commercial premises in search of food.

In the winter, the portals of the Badrinath shrine are closed and the local people too temporarily move to low altitude areas while their houses remain locked.

This winter, especially in February, the bears have created mayhem by damaging several properties in search of food. According to their owners, there has been a lot of fear of bears in the villages of Mana, Niti Valley including Badrinath dham.

Talking to this newspaper, one Mukesh Alakhnia said that he was informed by 'Barfani Baba', a sadhu meditating in Badrinath, of his house in Indra Bhawan Alakhnia mohalla being damaged by the bears. "I immediately informed the district administration and the forest department about this, asking them to get rid of this menace," he said.

When contacted, Chief Wildlife Warden Sameer Sinha said, "The response to deal with human-wildlife conflict should be immediate and appropriate. The CM wanted us to create a state action plan to mitigate conflicts. So, we have brought it on a priority basis. The scheme is species-specific and district-specific as Uttarakhand has a versatile landscape when it comes to flora and fauna".

Concerned over the rising cases of wild bear attacks in the hilly districts of the state, the forest department tagged them with GPS-enabled radio collars to track their movements in 2021.

The population of wild bears in the state is around 500. Officials say human-bear conflict sometimes occurs at intervals in the state, with more than 1,600 attacks reported in the past 20 years since the state was carved out of Uttar Pradesh. This number is reportedly increasing every year.

Punjab crops may face brunt of power outages

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB could witness power outages in the coming months (May to September), affecting crop production. The power demand is expected to touch 15,335 MW, an all-time high in the given period. The demand for the corresponding period was about 14,300 MW the previous year

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) has filed a petition under Section 23 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking regulatory guidance and concurrence from the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) for the measures in case of power cuts for the tariff year 2023-24.

The PSPCL petition says the corporation is expected to be surplus in power availability only from October 2023 to March next year. However, there is a gap between the power availability and demand from May 2023 to September 2023, and it is expected that the requirement to regulate supply to various categories of consumers and imposing power cuts would be necessary.

The PSPCL has also provided the details of the anticipated power demand and availability of electricity for the year 2023-24 in the petition. The corporation has stated that it would regulate the supply only in case of unavoidable exigencies and after incorporating the latest anticipated banking arrangements/short-term purchases for the period FY 2023-24.

The petition further mentions that the extent of power regulatory measures on a range of consumers should be equitable with an objective to ensure quality power in the most economical and reliable manner in line with the national/state grid code in the year 2023-24.

In the petition, the PSPCL has also stated that the existing total transmission capacity of Punjab has been fixed by Northern Load Dispatch Centre (NLDC) at 9,000 MW. It also expressed apprehension that any reduction of internal generation due to forced outages may require the emergent imposition of power regulatory measures during the year 2023-24 to keep the system running within the limitations of the grid code.

The post-grid collapse of July 2012 led to stringent grid regulations applicable for deviation from the schedule. The regulations include severe penalties in terms of high deviation charges. The availability of power has to be maintained around the running load for safeguarding the grid.

Blabir Singh Rajewal, president of BKU (Rajewal), Punjab said if there are long power cuts in the upcoming summer months again, paddy, basmati, cotton and maize crops could be affected due to lack of irrigation and then farmers will have to use diesel generators, pushing up the cost of production. Last year and the year before saw long power cuts, leading to sit-ins by farmers for making available the power supply for the crops.

"The price of diesel has been skyrocketing. It is not a viable option for the farmers to irrigate their crop with the diesel-run-tubewells," said Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly.

DEMAND AT ALL-TIME HIGH
State power body projects all-time high demand of 15,335MW between May-Sept
PSPCL files plea before regulatory body for likely steps in case of power cuts
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GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	23	3	TDS	Los Angeles	14	6	LC
Colombo	31	24	LC	Melbourne	24	14	HR
Dhaka	34	22	TDS	Moscow	-1	-7	HR
Dubai	29	18	SNY	New York	12	2	LC
Houston	28	21	SNY	Singapore	29	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	8	LC	Toronto	2	-3	LC
London	9	2	LC	Washington	14	6	LC

Pak plans to procure Russian crude oil at $50 per barrel

Pakistan is making concerted efforts to procure Russian crude oil at $50 per barrel, at least $10 per barrel less than the price cap imposed by the G7 countries due to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine

Desperate for crude

Crude oil is currently being sold globally at $82.78 per barrel

Pakistan, which is currently grappling with high external debt and a weak local currency, is desperate to purchase cheap crude at discounted rates from Russia

Moscow will respond to Pakistan's request for discounted crude oil only after it completes formalities such as mode of payment, shipping cost with premium and insurance, as per *The News*

Arrival by next month

The first consignment of crude oil from Moscow is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan by the end of next month, paving the way for a bigger deal in the future

The shipping of crude oil from Russian ports will take 30 days, which would mean an increase of $10-15 per barrel due to the transportation costs

A test case for Pak

Russia was initially concerned over the seriousness of Pakistan to mature the oil deal, but in a recent meeting between officials from the two countries, Moscow asked Islamabad to import one oil cargo as a test case to bridge the trust deficit, as per *The Express Tribune*

Pakistan will first import one Russian crude oil ship to test landed cost, *The News* reported

Since Pakistan is facing a US dollar liquidity crunch, it would pay Russia in the currencies of friendly countries that include China, Saudi Arabia, and UAE

REDUCING ECONOMIC BURDEN

Energy accounts for the biggest share of Pakistan's imports, and cheaper oil from Russia will help Pakistan in containing the ballooning trade deficit and balance-of-payments crisis

As Pak continues to suffer, any short or long-term deals with Russia to take crude and oil products at low prices would help reduce the nation's financial burden

China elevates Foreign Min to Councillor rank

This will put Qin Gang in line for his appointment as Special Representative of India-China boundary mechanism

BEIJING

CHINESE Foreign Minister Qin Gang has been elevated to the rank of State Councillor, which will put him in line for his likely appointment for the post of China's Special Representative for India-China boundary talks, a high-level mechanism to discuss the boundary issue and improvement of ties between the two countries.

The National People's Congress (NPC), the Chinese Parliament, which is holding its annual session on Sunday endorsed Qin's appointment as Foreign Minister and elevated him to the status of State Councillor, a high-ranking position within the State Council or the central cabinet, the executive organ of the Chinese government.

Qin, 56, was appointed as the Foreign Minister in December succeeding Wang Yi who was elected to the Political Bureau of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC), a key policy body of the party in the once-in-a-five-year congress of the party in October last year.

Qin's elevation to the rank of State Councillor will put him in line for his appointment as the Special Representative (SR) of the India-China boundary mechanism formed in 2003.

(L-R) Newly-elected Chinese state councillors Qin Gang, Wu Zhenglong and Li Shangfu swear an oath in Beijing on Sunday | AFP

Over the years, it also emerged as a key avenue to discuss the state of relations between the two neighbours beset with a host of problems besides the boundary dispute and steps to improve the ties.

Qin, who was the former ambassador of China to the US and a close confidant of President Xi Jinping, visited New Delhi early this month to attend the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting during which he held talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Relations between China and India have virtually frozen ever since the eastern Ladakh military standoff between the two in May 2020.

The two countries have held 17 rounds of high-level military commanders' talks to resolve the standoff.

India has been maintaining that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

The NPC also appointed a whole set of new cabinet ministers as part of a once-in-ten-year change of Chinese administration.

Zheng Shanjie has been appointed as head of the National Development and Reform Commission, the main planning body of China, and Liu Kun, minister of finance.

On Saturday, NPC endorsed the nomination of Li Qiang, a close aide of Xi, as the new Premier. *PTI*

China reappoints central bank governor Yi Gang

BEIJING

CHINA on Sunday reappointed Yi Gang as head of the central bank in an effort to reassure entrepreneurs and financial markets by showing continuity at the top while other economic officials change during a period of uncertainty in the world's second-largest economy.

At a meeting of China's rubber-stamp national legislature to appoint the country's new cabinet, Yi Gang was confirmed as governor of the People's Bank of China, against expectations that retirement-age Yi would step down.

China also retained other top economic officials, including Wang Wentao and Liu Kun, who will remain as ministers of commerce and finance respectively.

Yi, whose official title is governor of the People's Bank of China, plays no role in making monetary policy, unlike his counterparts in other major economies. His official duties lie in "implementing monetary policy," or carrying out decisions made by a policy-making body whose membership is a secret.

Top Xi aide Ding Xuexiang and He Lifeng, a longtime colleague of Xi's, were nominated to vice premier positions by new premier Li Qiang.

Ding and He received almost all votes from more than 2,900 legislators, with former mayor of Tianjin Zhang Guoqing as well as former Shaanxi province party secretary Liu Guozhong also selected as vice premiers.

A longtime veteran of monetary policy departments, Yi was first appointed governor of the People's Bank of China in March 2018, taking over from Zhou Xiaochuan.

Yi spent 20 years at the central bank after getting his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois and working as a professor of economics at Indiana University. *AP*

Russia's elite remain unscathed, war impacted ethnic minorities the most: UK Defence report

KYIV

RUSSIA'S advance seems to have stalled in Moscow's campaign to capture Bakhmut, a leading think tank said.

The Washington-based Institute for the Study of War (ISW) said there were no confirmed advances by Russian forces in Bakhmut. Russian forces and units from the Kremlin-controlled paramilitary Wagner Group continued to launch ground attacks in the city, but there was no evidence that they were able to make any progress, ISW said late Saturday.

The report cited the spokesperson of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' Eastern Group, Serhii Cherevaty, who said that fighting in the Bakhmut area had been more intense this week.

In its latest report, the UK Defence Ministry said on Sunday that the impact of the heavy casualties Russia is continuing to suffer in Ukraine varies dramatically across the country. The ministry's intelligence update said that the major cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg remain "relatively unscathed," particularly among members of Russia's elite. In contrast, in many of Russia's eastern regions, the death rate as a percentage of the population is "30-40 times higher than in Moscow."

People walk in downtown Kyiv, Ukraine on Sunday | AP

The report highlighted that ethnic minorities often take the biggest hit. In the southern Astrakhan region, for example, about "75% of casualties come from the minority Kazakh and Tartar populations."

Russia's mounting casualties are reflected in a loss of government control over the country's information sphere, ISW said. The think tank said that Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova confirmed "infighting in the Kremlin inner circle" and that the Kremlin has effectively ceded control over the country's information space, with Putin unable to readily regain control. *AP*

RAISING RETIREMENT AGE

French Senate adopts pension bill despite street demonstrations

PARIS

A contentious bill that would raise the retirement age in France from 62 to 64 got a push forward with the Senate's adoption of the measure amid strikes, protests and uncollected garbage piling higher by the day.

French PM Elisabeth Borne tweeted late on Saturday after the 195-112 vote that she looks forward to the bill's definitive passage, hailing a "decisive step toward a reform that will assure the future of our retirement" system. But the legislation must now move through tricky political territory with multiple potential outcomes.

It heads first to a committee of seven senators and seven lower-house lawmakers to find a compromise between the two houses' versions of the text on Wednesday—when unions planned an eighth round of nationwide protest marches.

President Emmanuel Macron is undaunted by the uncollected trash piling up in Paris and other cities from a strike by garbage workers opposed to the bill and reduced services and supplies in other sectors like transport and energy. Macron has refused a request by unions to meet with him, which leftist CGT union leader Philippe Martinez said amounted to "giving the finger."

There has been no government response to a union request for a "citizens' consultation" on the legislation.

Senate President Gerard Larcher voiced pride in the job of his colleagues after their vote—a day before the deadline—saying the body controlled by the conservative right played its role "with only one objective whatever our feelings are, the interest of the country and the interest of the French people." *AP*

People walk past not collected garbage cans near Eiffel Tower, Paris on Sunday | AP

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Thursday 23-03-2023 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.

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08373-297397 **FEDGL0232**0007716, 0007729 **SHIMOGA** 0812315765 **FEDGL0183**0008469, 0008470, 0008486, 0008869, 0009286 **Sindhanur** 08535-200110 **FEDGL0461**0000429, 0000439, 0000462, 0000471 **Sira** 08135-295620 **FEDGL0376**0002629 **SIRSI** 08384-223365 **FEDGL0193**0005663, 0005668, 0005682 **Srinivasa Nagar** 080-26693369 **FEDGL0089**0002178 **SULTHANPLYA** 080 41636281 **FEDGL0013**0004041, 0004252 **Tarikere** 08261-200233 **FEDGL0415**0001428 **Tiptur** 8134252402 **FEDGL0047**0007404 **Turuvekere** 8139295735 **FEDGL0386**0001725, 0001738 **Yeshwantpur** 8041225684 **FEDGL0034**0002816, 0002817, 0002821

Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 21-03-2023 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 13-03-2023 **For, sd/- Authorised Signatory**
Place : Karnataka **Fedbank Finandal Services Ltd.,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule of property from its owners Smt.Vanajakshi W/o Late Venkataramanappa, R.Manjunath S/o Late Ramaiah, R.Nethravathi D/o Late Ramaiah, R.Nalini, D/o Late Ramaiah, Smt Radha W/o N.M.Krshnappa and Smt Jayamma W/o Late Shamanna, all are Residents of Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

If anybody is having any objections, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof subsisting his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant land admeasuring, 00 Acres 2.06 guntas in Sy No.74/2, 00 Acres 2.06 guntas in Sy No.74/3, 00 Acres 2.06 guntas in Sy No.74/4, 00 Acres 2.06 guntas in Sy No.74/5, together totally measuring 00 Acres 9.08 Guntas (Nine and half Guntas), situated at Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560024.

Sd/- D.HEMANTH KUMAR, Advocate, No.844-A, 2nd Floor, 100 Feet Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560038, E-mail- hemanth.legalite@gmail.com, Ph- 9844676083.

IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, AT BANGALORE.
G & WC No. 2502/2023 (CCH-73)

Petitioners : 1. Mr. Anand Babu S/o Late Mr. M.S.Prabhakaran, r/at # 1031, 6th Cross, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Bengaluru- 560 097 Presently r/at # 14, The Beeches, Elmfield, Ballygoan Road, Leopardstown, Dublin-18 CO Dublin, Reptd by PA Holder Mr. M.P.Mahesh Babu **2.** Aarnav Anand, S/o Anand Babu, r/at # 1031, 6th Cross, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Bengaluru0 560 097 Presently r/at # 14, The Beeches, Elmfield, Ballygoan Road, Leopardstown, Dublin-18 CO Dublin Represented by Natural Guardian and Father Mr. Anand Babu S/o Late Mr. M.S.Prabhakaran, r/at # 1031, 6th Cross, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Bengaluru- 560 097 Presently r/at # 14, The Beeches, Elmfield, Ballygoan Road, Leopardstown, Dublin-18 CO Dublin,

Vs

Respondent : Nil

Whereas the Petitioner herein has instituted the above petition UNDER SEC. 7, 12 & 25 of Guardian and Wards Act, 1890, any person interested shall appear before the 72nd Addl City Civil Judge, Mayo Hall, Bangalore, CCH-73 @ **11 A.M on 31.03.2023** in person or by a pleader failing which the petition will be determined as there are no objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing Site No. 902, in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority inland S. Nos. 1 portion, 2 to 14, 21 to 25, situated in Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 ft / 9.144 mtrs, North to South 50 ft / 15.240 mtrs in all 139.30 sq mtrs, together with super built up area of around 800 sq ft in the ground floor, around 861 sq ft in the first and second floor with RCC roofings, mosaic flooring, teak wood doors and windows in the ground floor, mathi / Honne Doors and windows in the first and second floors, electrical fittings, toilet fittings with a compound wall on all four sides of the property and bounded as follows:

East by : Site and House No. 893
West by : 30' Road
North by : Site and House No. 903
South by : Site No. 901.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 07.03.2023

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
LEGAL AXIS
M.D RAGHUNATH
109, 1ST Floor, Dharmaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Blore-1.
Advocate for Petitioners.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amounts mentioned against their respective name together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices, along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. no	Borrower Name / Co-Borrower Name Loan Account No.	Total Outstanding (In Rs.) / Due Date	Date & Type of Possession
1	**Mrs. Archana V Kakhandki / Mr. Shrinivas Prahladrao / Kadagadkai / LAN - 404DHL47653945 / 404DHL47575231 / Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL)**	**Rs. 43,74,907.15/- 13.12.2022**	**07-March-23 Physical**
	Secured Asset : Flat Bearing No.102, situated at Ground Floor, having super built up area of 1015 Sq. ft. along with 259 sq. ft. of undivided share of land in the property along with one covered car parking area bearing No. 102 in the basement floor, in the residential building Know as ROYAL RESIDENCY, constructed in the converted land measuring to an extent of 10.79 guntas only, out of the total extent of 14.08 guntas, formerly converted land bearing Sy. No. 48/1, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, vide conversion order bearing No. ALN(S)/SR(KEM)145/2011-12, dated 14-06-2012, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, that the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore has assigned as property bearing No. 2608/48/1, situated at Valagerehalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.		
2	**Mr. Vinay S M / Mr. Ajjappala Marulasiddappa / LAN - 404DRH43747306 / 404DFR32031875 / 404DLH34406359 / Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL)**	**Rs. 63,49,859.63/- 13.12.2022**	**07-March-23 Symbolic**
	Secured Property : All that Piece and parcel of bearing Flat No. 104, First Floor, measuring 830 sq. feet of Super built up area, consisting Two bed rooms, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified flooring, with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase etc., in the multistoried building known as Anjanadri Apartments having 171 Sq. ft. of undivided right, title and interest in the property situated in Site bearing Nos. 36, 37, 40 & 41 and each site measuring East to West 9 meters and north to South 12 meters, totally measuring about 108 Sq. meters respectively, all having amalgamated new Khatha No. 127/36, New PID No. 40-178-127/36, situated at Nagarabhavi 1st stage, IV Block, Bangalore and also Known as 3rd Cross, Maruthinagar, Bangalore.		
3	**Mrs. Thrisha A / Mr.umesh KM / LAN - 404HLT90359894 / 404HLT90287009 404HLTFE409827 / 404HPV90389754 / Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL)**	**Rs.65,19,106.46/ - 14.12.2022**	**07-March-23 Symbolic**
	Secured Property : All that Piece and parcel of property bearing Northern portion of Site No. 70, Khatha No.13, New No. 289-23/2-70, Gramantana No. 23/2, Pramanapatra No. 1606287, PID No. 150200201700220049, situated at K.G. Srikanatapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring Eastern side 28 feet, Western side 28 feet, Northern side 36 feet and Southern side 38 feet totally measuring 1036 Sq. ft. and bounded as follows : North: Doddabidirakallu Boundary; South: Southern Portion Of Same; East: Road; West: Private Property		
4	**Mr. Umesh KM / Mrs. Thrisha A / LAN - 404DHF79010316 / 4040HL42815738 / 4040HL42815758 / Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL)**	**Rs. 1,20,95,296.67/- 13.12.2022**	**07-March-23 Symbolic**
	Secured Property : All that Part and parcel of property bearing Sy. No. 23/1, measuring 2 Acres and 14 Guntas, and out of the said land in Sy. No. 23/1, a land measuring 1 Acre and 27.04 Guntas have been converted as per Order of Special District Commissioner Bangalore District, Order dated 14/12/2011 & Order No. ALN(N.D.H) SR/76/2011-12 and out of the said land bifurcated vacant Site No. 1, situated at K.G. Srikanatapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West, Northern side 40 feet, Southern side 41 feet, and North to South, Eastern side 43 feet and Western side 30 feet and totally measuring 1479 Sq. ft. and bounded as follows :- North: Site No. 02, South: Private Property, East: Road, West: Private Property,		
5	**Mr. Rokkamvijay Krishna / Mr. Tavudu Rokkam / LAN - 404HLP0280559 / Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL)**	**Rs. 47,59,864.53/- 15.12.2022**	**07-March-23 Physical**
	Secured Property : All that piece and parcel North facing Apartment bearing Flat No. 704, on the Seventh Floor of Block "C" of the Residential Apartment Complex known as "Sipani Bliss-I, having Carpet area 93.75 Sq. Mtrs. (1009 Sq. feet) and Super Built up Area of 125.68 Sq. Mtrs. (1353 Sq. feet) consisting of three bed rooms, hall, kitchen, balcony and toilets, with proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircases and common facilities with right to use One Semi Covered Car Parking Space at Ground Level along with proportionate 52.88 Sq. Mtrs. (569.23 Sq. ft.) of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land bearing Survey No. 149/2, 150/2, 151/3 and 152/3, situated at Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marasuru post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District -562106.		
6	**Mr. Savandradha Nagendra Prasad / Mrs. Manjula B / LAN - 4040HL31645979 / Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL)**	**Rs. 1,43,18,747.42/- 13.12.2022**	**07-March-23 Physical**
	Secured Property : All that Villa / Residential Unit No. A-5, Smart Neighborhoods, property measuring 2820 Sq. Ft. of built up area, 1103 Sq. Ft. of undivided right in Sy No. 310, New Sy No. 310/1, measuring 3 Acres, 11 ½ (Eleven and half) Guntas of land, converted for the residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. ALN (A) (S) SR 199/2007-08 dated 23.02.2008, situated at Sarjapur Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,		
7	**Mrs. Umadevi / Mr. Rangadhamaiah M. G / LAN – 15537300001223 / Federal Bank**	**Rs. 2,95,70.467/- 18.04.2021**	**09-March-23 Physical**
	Secured Property : All that Part And Parcel of the Land in Sy No. 5/2, E-Swathu Property ID No.150300700101920729 Measuring 1 Acre Of 43560 Sqft Along With Building Having Approx. Plinth Area of 6205 Sq.ft In G.F., 5476 Sqft In First floor, And 178 Sq. ft In Terrance floor, Total 11859 Sqft Along With All Improvements Thereon Situated at Mallarabanavadi Village, kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, and Bangalore Rural District and Bounded as Follows :- East By : Land in Sy No.4, West By : Land in Sy No.7, North By : Road, West by : Land in Sy No.11		

Whereas the borrowers mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. has taken **Symbolic / Physical Possession** of the properties/Secured Assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrowers mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 13.03.2023 **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.**

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Investors, taxpayers need to meet March-end deadlines

If tax saving investments under Section 80C are not made before 31 March, investors may end up paying higher taxes

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

AS the current financial year 2022-23 draws to a close, we have come very close to the deadline for tasks essential for financial planning. Linking Permanent Account Number (PAN) to Aadhaar number, filing updated Income Tax Return (ITR), paying advance tax, making investment for tax saving and other such tasks should be done before March 31.

Meeting these financial deadlines will not only save investors and tax payers from penalties and inconvenience, but will help them to meet their short and long-term financial goals. Investors and taxpayers are rushing to seek the help of professional financial planners and advisors to meet the deadline.

Link PAN to Aadhaar

The Income Tax department has made it mandatory to link PAN cards with Aadhaar by March 31.

If it is not linked before the deadline, the PAN will become inoperative from next month. An inoperative PAN will invite more troubles, as the person will not be able to do any financial transaction where quoting of PAN is mandatory.

"Linking PAN to Aadhar is critical as the last date to do so is 31 March, else your PAN could get cancelled and it could impact your investments like mutual funds as well," Vishal Dhawan, Vice Chairman, Association of Registered Investment Advisors (ARIA) told this newspaper.

The deadline for linking PAN with Aadhaar has been extended several times but experts believe it is unlikely to happen again.

"Linking of PAN with Aadhaar was made mandatory by the Income Tax Department in order to reduce the problem of duplicate PAN and identify the right tax payers. Linking of the two will enable the government to prevent and identify tax evasion thereby leading to robust tax collections," Ankit Garg, Founder, Garg Law Chambers told TNIE.

Taxpayers can still link the PAN with Aadhar even after March by paying a penalty of ₹ 1,000.

Advance Tax Payment

The last date to pay the final instalment of advance tax payment for the financial year 2022-2023 is March 15.

"For advance tax payments, the due date is 15 March for the final instalment, and thus one needs to match the income tax payable from salary/ business/ profession and other sources including capital gains, to be shared versus the Tax that has already been deducted at source. After this exercise has been done, if there is any tax payable, the same should be paid as advance tax," said Dhawan.

He added that during the course of this advance tax computation exercise, investors should also check if they have made tax related investments under section 80C including PPF, ELSS mutual funds, tax saving deposits amongst other options.

"With deadline approaching in March, individual taxpayers should ensure that advance tax liability should be discharged to avoid interest penalties. Also, in case of salaried taxpayers, if a change in job has happened during the year, it often leads to tax arbitrage due to the double benefit of section 80C deduction which is otherwise not available," said Saurrav Sood, Practice Leader International Taxation at SW India-a taxation and consulting firm.

"Hence, in such cases, they should ensure that they calculate the tax amount and pay the tax liability through an advance tax mechanism to avoid any interest penalties later," he added.

Tax Savings Investments

For those who have not done tax savings for 2022-23, they have time till March 31.

Tax planning helps you to reduce tax liability and save more.

"Under the old tax regime, an assessee has time till 31 March to invest in tax saving instruments for claiming deductions under Section 80C upto a limit of ₹1.5 lakh," said Garg.

Some of the instruments for claiming deductions are Public Provident Fund (PPF), tax saving bank FDs of 5 years or more, Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS), Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY).

Further deduction of ₹50,000 can be claimed by investing in the National Pension Scheme under Section 80CCD(1b).

"Deduction upto ₹25,000 for self and ₹50,000 for senior citizen parents is also allowed for Medical Insurance Premium under Section 80D. If a person is availing of a home loan, deduction up to ₹50,000 on the home loan interest can also be claimed under Section 80EE," added Garg.

Updated Income Tax Return Filing

The last date for filing an Updated Return for Financial Year 2019-20 or Assessment Year 2020-21 is March 31. An updated return allows taxpayers to file their Income Tax Return up to two years from the end of the relevant assessment year to rectify any errors or in case of any omissions of certain income.

"It is important to note that an Updated Return can only be filed once for an Assessment Year and a taxpayer cannot file an Updated Return to report loss thereby reducing his tax liability," said Garg.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE MARCH END

- Link PAN to Aadhaar number
- Invest in tax saving schemes
- Choose tax savings schemes as per your risk appetite
- File updated return for FY **2019-20**
- Pay final instalment of advance tax payment

Tax saving instruments

For those who have not done tax savings for 2022-23, they have time till March 31. Under the old tax regime, an assessee has time till 31 March to invest in tax saving instruments.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY THE RICH BENEFIT THE MOST FROM CREDIT CARDS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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YOU are swiping your credit card more often than before. Credit card transactions jumped by over 25% in December 2022 in volume and value. Of the total card payments made by volume, two-thirds of them, in terms of value, were using the credit card, according to the monthly statistics put out by the Reserve Bank of India.

Credit cards accounted for half of the transactions in terms of volume for December 2022. That shows that you are using your debit cards for small denomination transactions while swiping your credit cards for high-value transactions. Banks love such customers as they make credit businesses profitable.

Credit cards are a financial tool for people of all income levels if you use them responsibly. They allow you to build a credit record so that banks can later offer you loans based on your credit score. Your ability to service your loans matters to banks. Most banks offer reward points to customers for using their credit cards. These are paid as cashback or points you could redeem for travel, merchandise or other benefits.

So far, so good.

However, there seems to be some skirmish in the credit card rewards programme paradise. A new working paper from the International Monetary Fund published last week reveals a credit card rewards programme in the United States.

It argues that credit card rewards transfer income from less to more educated, from poorer to more affluent and higher to low minority areas in the United States. "We estimate an aggregate annual redistribution of $15 billion from less to more educated, poorer to richer, and high to low minority areas, widening existing disparities," the IMF paper titled "Who pays for your rewards' said.

The logic is that banks incentivise reward card members with lower interest rates. While those with a higher repayment capability pay off their outstanding on time, others excited by reward points create higher credit card balances. The behavioural analysis shows that you should use reward credit cards only if you can pay off your outstanding monthly dues. If you roll over credit card outstanding through the revolving monthly credit, banks earn more money.

How to manage your credit card debt

Borrowing for months on your credit card means paying an annual interest rate of 45% or above on your outstanding balance. If you cannot get out of that cycle, take help from your family or friends to pay off the high-interest loan. If that is not possible, you may want to take a personal loan at a fixed interest rate and pay off your credit card bills. You must create a monthly surplus by controlling your expenses if you have a steady income. Do not swipe credit cards for large transactions if you think you cannot pay off the outstanding immediately. There are regular investments you make each month. Those investments make no sense if you have credit card balances, as they cannot generate a 45% plus annual return.

There is a lot to learn from these observations. Your ability to control your expenditure is in your hands. Credit cards are the most accessible tool to use to spend. Banks want you to spend more on their cards. They want to use your weakness for impulse buying to make more interest income. Banks are in the business of making money through you. The onus is entirely on you to manage your finances. If you have credit cards, use them to make payments and earn reward points. However, ensure that you do not use any revolving credit. If you know about a high-value expenditure early, you should plan for it by setting aside monthly money. You can then use your credit card to purchase and earn the necessary reward points. At the same time, you can pay off your monthly bill. If that is impossible, you must know where and when to stop spending. The rich manage to make the most of these privileges. By overspending, you reward the rich while letting banks earn a higher interest income. That credit card reward in such a situation is anything but rewarding.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Credit cards

You must create a monthly surplus by controlling expenses if you have a steady income. Do not swipe credit cards for large transactions if you think you cannot pay off the outstanding immediately.

MONEY-WISE

FIRST FEW STEPS OF WEALTH CREATION

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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TO start Investing one has to understand Risk and Returns – this is of course the basics. If you start investing, you will get a good return, but let us look at the risks.

- Risk of dying early! If you are a 24-year-old starting to invest, you need to realise that your parents, siblings (assuming you are paying their fees), etc. could be dependent on your salary income. In such a case, the first risk is the risk of dying early and this has to be covered by taking a pure Term Life insurance.
- The second risk that a bread winner runs is the risk of falling sick or having an accident – a decent medical insurance policy should cover this risk.
- Risk of Not having money for an Emergency: there is a Marwari saying "the work that money can do, only money can do". If you have a family illness, a vehicle or an appliance breakdown you will need money to get it back into working condition. For medical emergencies you have medical insurance – but replacing a lost mobile, or television will need hard cash. So at least 6 months expenses should be available in a bank fixed deposit or in a liquid fund of a mutual fund.
- The risk of being hit by a Critical Illness – this is different from just medical insurance. This CI cover helps you with some cash if you are not well and hence unable to attend office. This amount will help you meet the household (and office) expenses when you are unwell and admitted. As they say, read terms and conditions carefully.
- It pays to be Debt-free when you start investing – having a marriage loan (own or sister's), car loan, personal loan…etc. is not a great way to start investing. If you have ANY loan – overdraft, car loan, personal loan – the rate of interest does not matter. The interest that you are paying on the loan will surely be greater than the return you can get on the assets that you are investing. The only exception to this rule is when you have a long mortgage that you have taken to buy a house.
- Invest in your own skills – It is a VUCA world – our portfolios are not really ready for say the US $ being at ₹30 in 2029, are we? The world is going to be Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous. Taking care of one's health, and keeping on learning new things will be a very important investment. No advisor is going to tell you this – remember in a commission based world, no advisor has any incentive in asking you to invest in yourself!

Why does a person have to make these investments BEFORE he gets to invest in financial assets? Simply because when you start investing as a young investor and suddenly you have an emergency (say medical) you might be tempted (or forced) to remove from equity at a not very appropriate time. Not having adequate medical insurance may force you to borrow at usurious rates of interest. You may end up making some investments for the long term – but need the money in the short term. So investing in learning, health, insurance, etc. has to precede investing through mutual funds!

Adanis prepay $2.15 bn share-backed loans

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

ADANI Group on Sunday said that they have completed full prepayment of margin linked share backed financing aggregating to $ 2.15 billion, well before the committed timeline of 31 March 2023.

In addition to the above, promoters, the Adani Family led by billionaire Gautam Adani, also said that it has prepaid $500 million facility taken for Ambuja acquisition financing. "This is in line with promoters' commitment to increase equity contribution and promoters have now infused USD 2.6 billion out of total acquisition value of USD 6.6 billion for Ambuja and ACC," said Adani Group in a statement. The entire prepayment program of $2.65 billion has been completed within 6 weeks, which "testifies the strong liquidity management and access to capital at sponsor level, supplementing the solid capital prudency adopted at all portfolio companies," added the group. The development comes amidst reports that Adani is seeking to sell a 4-5% stake in Ambuja Cement for $450 million to reduce debt. Adani Group is yet to inform the source of the capital which is used to prepay the share-backed loans. The Group, whose net debt stood at ₹1.96 lakh crore as of December-end 2022, had cash & cash equivalent of ₹31,646 crore. The Group recently raised investment from GQG Partners.

Adani on March 7 said that it has prepaid the ₹7,374 crore share-backed financing made by various international and domestic financial institutions.

SVB FALLOUT

Nazara Tech's subsidiaries hold ₹64 cr at SVB

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MOBILE gaming platform Nazara Technologies on Sunday said that its step-down subsidiaries- Kiddopia Inc and Mediawrkz Inc- hold cash balances worth ₹64 crore at Silicon Valley Bank (SVB).

On March 10, the start-up focused lender SVB Financial Group suffered a collapse. SVB is currently under the receivership of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Nazara Technologies said, "FDIC has stated that it would issue an advance dividend to depositors within the next week with future payments coming as asset sales occurred. Regardless of the ultimate outcome and its timing, both subsidiaries continue to be well capitalised."

₹50 lakh or ₹1 crore? Deposit insurance covers them all

SUNITHA NATTI

BANK deposits are an indispensable form of financial saving for all Indian households. Naturally, concerns rise each time a bank goes under, regardless of whether it's an Indian or a foreign bank like the recent collapse of US-based Silicon Valley Bank.

Adding to depositors' nervousness is the limited amount of cover at just ₹5 lakh. But, with extra paperwork and a little intelligent saving, you can make the most of it. For instance, a family of three can effortlessly deposit up to ₹55 lakh (or more) and not lose a penny even if the bank goes belly up. The amount will be slightly less for a family of two, but goes up substantially for a four-member household. Here's how.

All one needs to do is to open both individual and joint accounts with family members. As an individual, even if you have different accounts (savings, term, recurring, current), since they are held in the same capacity and in the same right, the maximum cover is limited to ₹5 lakh. But if you open accounts in different capacities like guardian of a minor, or a joint account with family members, each will be entitled for an insurance cover of ₹5 lakh. The key is to ensure that the amount in each deposit account doesn't exceed ₹5 lakh, including interest earned. Get your math correctly, split savings so that each deposit doesn't exceed ₹5 lakh to avoid losing out in case of a bank run.

For instance, if you have an individual account with a ₹5 lakh savings, another ₹5 lakh term deposit with joint ownership with your spouse and yet another ₹5 lakh deposit with your children as the primary account holder and you as the guardian, then each of these deposits, magically, will be entitled for ₹5 lakh insurance cover. Typically, banks allow three joint account holders, which means a household of three can have 11 different ownership patterns taking the maximum amount of deposits to ₹55 lakh! Now comes the icing on the cake.

These 11 deposit accounts are with just one bank and one can open accounts with more than one bank to maximize the safety net. Deposit insurance coverage limit is applied separately to deposits in each bank and as long as you don't open multiple accounts in different branches of the same bank, but with different banks, the deposit cover will apply accordingly.

Point to note: If you owe dues to the bank in lieu of a loan, your money will be deducted from the insurance before your final settlement.

HOW ONE CAN STRETCH BANK DEPOSIT COVER TO UP TO ₹55 LAKH

- A family of three can have 11 accounts in a bank – individual as well as joint accounts
- Each account should have deposits that is not more than ₹5 lakh

Ownership pattern	Maximum deposit cover
Individual account A	Up to ₹5 lakh
Individual account B	Up to ₹5 lakh
Individual account C	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder A 2nd account holder B	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder A 2nd account holder C	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder B 2nd account holder A	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder C 2nd account holder A	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder B 2nd account holder C	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder A 2nd account holder B 3rd account holder C	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder B 2nd account holder C 3rd account holder A	Up to ₹5 lakh
1st account holder C 2nd account holder A 3rd account holder B	Up to ₹5 lakh

Bengaluru hold nerve in shootout to beat Mumbai

Bengaluru FC booked their berth at the final of the ISL after coming out on top in an enthralling penalty shootout. BFC won the tie-breaker after the fixture was tied on aggregate 2-2, following Mumbai City FC's 2-1 result after extra time. After 16 penalties were scored, BFC goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saved Mehtab Singh's penalty before Sandesh Jhingan scored the winning spot-kick to give the Blues a 9-8 win on penalties.

SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS

Kohli digs deep to compile 186 runs on Day 4, scoring bulk of runs in singles on the leg-side

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Ahmedabad

AROUND 12.40 PM local time, Nathan Lyon, in the second ball of his 52nd over, pitched one on leg stump. Virat Kohli, like he has done all innings, like he has done all series really, flicked the ball calmly towards square-leg before jogging the single.

Forget a monkey being off his shoulder. On commentary, Ravi Shastri had said a 600kg gorilla was off his shoulder. The understated way Kohli celebrated his 28th Test 100, and first since November 2019, also revealed where he's at at this point in time. He removed his helmet, took out the necklace, kissed the wedding ring before raising his bat to acknowledge the chants of a sparse weekend crowd.

Even if the Ahmedabad surface was an ideal canvas for Kohli to paint freely, his first few balls didn't inspire confidence. Off his first, he almost jabbed a catch to short-leg. His second saw him beaten. On the third, a ball before tea, he almost gave a catch to first slip. Just after tea, Todd Murphy beat him on the outside edge. On a true wicket with almost no variation in bounce and (very) slow turn, Kohli was finding it difficult to get bat on ball. Apart from that initial hiccup, this was an innings forged in determination, discipline and concentration. One of the very few times Kohli wasn't in the zone over the two days was when he slightly lost his cool following an incident with KS Bharat who was at the non-striker's end. Kohli wanted the single after flicking the ball to square leg but Bharat didn't respond. He took a few steps but retreated safely before shouting 'call,' at Bharat. That 89-run of the fifth wicket partnership between Bharat and Kohli was important for two reasons. It made the game safe from an Indian perspective. It also showed Kohli's continued evolution as a red-ball batter.

He completely cut out the offside from his line of sight. Wary of the outside edge as well as the leg-before, the former captain had already made adjustments. He had put one of his marquee shots — the cover-drive — in his back pocket. He had also decided the safest shot against all spinners would be rolling his wrists gradually before pushing the delivery towards square on the leg-side.

While this innings was missing Kohli's usual artistic expressions, it will figure highly in terms of the method he decided to employ. He ran 67 singles or twos in the region between square leg and mid-wicket to the spinners. He completely cut out the offside as a scoring option — the visitors contributed to this while sticking to a line that saw bowling to his pads with a 7-2 leg side field — till the time he reached the three-figure mark.

On Saturday, when he brought up his first Test 50 in more than a year, he went against the turn to hit a boundary once; off Todd Murphy, he unfurled a trademark drive that found the gap. In the next over, off Mitchell Starc, he opened the face of the blade to divert it past the keeper. Just before drinks on the final session on Saturday, he punished Lyon by glancing him fine behind square on the off side. After an iffy start, this was a solid foundation. That was also his last boundary in almost 150 balls and 60 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st innings 480. India 1st innings (o/n 289-3): Rohit c Labuschagne b Kuhnemann 35, Gill lbw Lyon 128, Pujara lbw Murphy 42, Kohli c Labuschagne b Murphy 186, Jadeja c Khawaja b Murphy 28, Bharat c Handscomb b Lyon 44, Patel b Starc 79, Ashwin c Kuhnemann b Lyon 7, Yadav run out 0, Shami n.o 0, Iyer absent hurt. **Extras** 22. **Total** (all out, 178.5 ovs) 571. **FoW:** 1-74, 2-187, 3-245, 4-309, 5-393, 6-555, 7-568, 8-569, 9-571. **Bowling:** Starc 22-3-97-1, Green 18-1-90-0, Lyon 65-9-151-3, Kuhnemann 25-3-94-1, Murphy 45.5-10-113-3, Head 3-0-8-0. **Australia 2nd innings:** Kuhnemann not out 0, Head n.o 3. **Total** (0 wickets, 6 ovs) 3. **Bowling:** Ashwin 3-2-1-0, Jadeja 2-1-1-0, Shami 1-0-1-0.

In time, one might compare this century to the one Sachin Tendulkar brought up in Sydney against the same opposition and it might hold some water. But this innings was also borne of necessity. With India still in arrears and doubts over Shreyas Iyer's fitness, he had to grind it out on a pitch where quick runs were the hardest thing to do apart from taking wickets.

For the first half of Sunday, he turned to a shot that's been profitable for him; the dab to the leg-side for a single. Coming into the Test, out of the 111 runs he had scored, 79 had come via the leg side, with all of them coming against the three spinners. That same theme repeated itself. Out of the 186 he made, 122 came on the leg side (97 against spinners).

After the 100, though, he was a different batter. The cover-drive made its presence felt, attacking shots were dime-a-dozen and the flicks and glances on the leg-side had a stamp of impudence to it. A couple of shots will form part of the highlights package. One Cameron Green delivery, pitched wide outside off stump, was thumped through cover. Off the next ball, that again landed outside off, he moved across before finding the gap through mid-wicket and mid-on. This was the Kohli that had defined much of his earlier years; a Kohli special to bring up 150.

After dealing in singles, there had been a clear change of gears. A gentle push with a straight bat off a Lyon delivery had the ball racing past mid off to another boundary. Eighty in his first 100 runs had come via singles, two, threes or overthrows.

The next 86 before being dismissed saw him make 40 in boundaries along with fewer dot balls. With one wicket remaining, Kohli perished while looking for quick runs. At 4.32 PM, he fell to Todd Murphy when looking to slog sweep him over mid-wicket. For nearly five hours, he was a monk. For the four hours after, he had become the monk who had rediscovered his Ferrari.

CURBING THE INSTINCTS

Kohli's runs breakdown

Venue	Off-side	Leg-side
Nagpur	9	3
New Delhi (1st)	7	37
New Delhi (2nd)	1	19
Indore (1st)	4	18
Indore (2nd)	11	2
*Ahmedabad	64	122

*It's the only time in the innings where Kohli faced a substantial number of balls from the pacers. Against spin, his split was 33 and 97 i.e. Ahmedabad was the first time he had scored off the pacers.

Virat Kohli in action during the fourth day of the fourth Test against Australia at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

Axar ups the standards with his spin-hitting

Axar Patel celebrates after reaching half-century on Sunday | PTI

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Ahmedabad

AXAR Patel has made 17.5% of all runs India has made in the ongoing four-match Test series against Australia (excluding the second innings at New Delhi). Virat Kohli's 186 rightly hogged the limelight in Ahmedabad on Sunday but it was hard to miss the finesse and the unhurried nature of Patel's batting. His 113-ball 79 helped the hosts to pick up the run-rate when they went in search of quick runs late on the fourth day. One of the features of the southpaw's batting has been the way he's set up to hit spin. All through the series he has not only been prepared to take on the spinners but has pumped them for six with minimal fuss. He obviously is known as a bit of a six-hitter against spin thanks to the impetus on lower-order runs in white-ball cricket but he's transferred that skill to red-ball cricket. He marries boundary-hitting with sound defensive technique, both off the front and back foot.

"When we started with the camp in Nagpur, we knew we would be playing on turning tracks," he said after the day's play when asked about his batting in the series. "I didn't prepare or plan much but did my own study for playing on spinning tracks. I just prepare myself to stand on the leg-stump to keep a check on possible leg-befores and stumpings. I also planned to not step out much against off-spinners." That's true. Because of his long levers, he's able to access the ball without many problems. On Sunday, he scored 22 runs in boundaries in the mid-wicket region (three sixes and one four), all of them via the effective slog sweep shot. Patel's immediate concern is the final day. With the pitch refusing to break up, chances of the game petering into a draw is very high but he's refusing to give up the ghost.

"It's cricket. Anything can happen anytime. If we get 2-3 wickets early tomorrow (Monday), they might play defensive under pressure. It's (pitch) not like it was in the first three matches so we just can't go and run over them. You have to work hard and keep patience and keep bowling in the right areas."

Harmanpreet & Co edge Aus in nine-goal thriller

AGENCIES @ Rourkela

CAPTAIN Harmanpreet Singh got his mojo back as he scored a hat-trick, all from penalty corners, to lead India to a rare 5-4 win over Australia in a nine-goal thriller in the FIH Pro-League hockey on Sunday.

Harmanpreet found the target in the 13th and 14th minutes after Australia had taken an early lead through a field goal from Joshua Beltz.

Jugraj Singh converted a penalty stroke before Selvam Karthi scored a field goal to give his side a 4-1 lead at half time. Ky Willott, Ben Staines and Aran Zalewski took Australia's tally to 4, but Harmanpreet's goal from a penalty corner in the 55th minute had given India the crucial lead.

Indian players celebrate a goal against Australia on Sunday | HI

Australia had come here with several players who were not part of their squad that featured in the recently-held World Cup. Eight out of the 20 players in the current squad have made 10 international appearances or less. India were also without eight players from the World Cup squad. India face Germany in their second leg match on Monday before taking on Australia again on Wednesday.

Asian C'ships big test for Indian wrestlers

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

FOR the first time since the historic protest by the wrestlers against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), India will send a full-strength squad for any international event. The tournament — Asian Championships — holds greater significance as only those federations who take part in the event will be able to participate in the 2023 World Championships (1st Olympic qualifier) with the same number of athletes per style.

Given the fact that wrestling is the only discipline which has fetched at least a medal for the country in the last four Olympics (2 silver & 4 bronze since 2008), wrestlers' show at the continental event in all probability will give a fair idea of how India will fare at the 2024 Paris Games especially after the modest show in the two previous ranking series.

However, it needs to be seen how this team performs in the absence of the established names as anything less than the last few editions will put pressure on wrestlers. The biggest name to miss the event will undoubtedly be the 2020 Toko Olympics silver medallist Ravi Dahiya, who had completed a hat-trick of gold (57kg) in the event last year.

Bajrang Punia, the Tokyo Games bronze medallist, had also bagged three silver in the previous three editions but he will be missing from the action this time. Both of them are nursing injuries and had opted out of the selection trials.

Another prominent wrestler to skip the event is Vinesh Phogat. She though didn't compete in the last edition but clinched a gold (2021) and a bronze (2020) in the 53kg before that. Incidentally, Bajrang and Vinesh led the protest against the WFI and its chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. "No doubt India's performance will be affected due to the absence of these stars but it's good that 10 wrestlers in each of the three styles will be competing in Kazakhstan from April 9 to 14. It will keep the country's hopes alive for the first Olympic qualifier (Worlds)," Kripashankar Patel, former women's national coach, told this daily.

Despite Vinesh's absence, India still have Anshu Malik (57kg) and Sarita Mor (59kg) in their ranks. Sarita had won gold in 2020 and 2021 and bronze in 2022 while Anshu bagged bronze, gold and silver in 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively. Similarly, Deepak Punia (86kg), who bagged a silver each in 2021 and 2022 after winning the 2020 bronze, is also in the team but will compete in 92kg.

Even the youngsters, including the U-20 world champion Antim who had won the 53kg trials, replacing the veterans have the potential to win medals but for that to happen things need to fall in place.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

NATIONAL SQUAD

Men: Freestyle: Aman 57kg, Pankaj 61kg, Anuj Kumar 65kg, Mulayam Yadav 70kg, Yash Tushir 74kg, Deepak 79kg, Jonty Kumar 86kg, Deepak Punia 92kg, Deepak Nehra 97kg, Anirudh 125kg.

Greco-Roman: Rupin 55kg, Sumit 60kg, Neeraj 63kg, Ashu 67kg, Vikas 72kg, Sajan 77kg, Rohit Dahiya 82kg, Sunil Kumar 87kg, Narender Cheema 97kg, Naveen 130kg.

Women: Neelam 50kg, Antim 53kg, Sito 55kg, Anshu Malik 57kg, Sarita Mor 59kg, Sonam Malik 62kg, Manisha 65kg, Nisha 68kg, Reetika 72kg, Priya 76kg.

INDIA'S SHOW AT LAST 3 ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022- Freestyle: Finished 2nd with 1 gold, 3 silver and as many bronze; **Greco-Roman:** Finished 6th with five bronze; **Women's Wrestling:** Finished 4th with 2 silver and 3 bronze

2021- Freestyle: Finished 2nd with 1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze; **Greco-Roman:** Finished 7th but no medal won; **Women's Wrestling:** Finished 2nd with 4 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze

2020- Freestyle: Finished 2nd with 1 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze; **Greco-Roman:** Finished 5th with 1 gold and 4 bronze; **Women's Wrestling:** Finished 2nd with 3 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze

Arsenal regain five-point lead

AFP @ London

ARSENAL powered five points clear at the top of the Premier League with a stylish 3-0 win at Fulham, while Casemiro was sent off in Manchester United's 0-0 draw against struggling Southampton on Sunday.

Mikel Arteta's side had seen second placed Manchester City close the gap with victory at Crystal Palace on Saturday. The Gunners responded with the kind of composed display that has been the hallmark of their unexpected title charge. First-half goals from Gabriel Magalhaes, Gabriel Martinelli and Martin Odegaard — all set up by the influential Leandro Trossard — put Arsenal on course for a fifth consecutive league win.

Results: Sunday: Fulham **0-3** Arsenal; Man United **0-0** Southampton; West Ham **1-1** A Villa. Saturday: Palace **0-1** Man City.

EXPRESS READ

B'desh thrash England, secure T20I series

DHAKA: Mehidy Hasan Miraz shone with ball and bat as minnows Bangladesh stunned world champions England to win the second Twenty20 international by four wickets and seal the series 2-0. **Brief scores:** England 117 in 20 ovs (Duckett 28, Salt 25; M Hasan 4/12) lost to Bangladesh 120/6 in 18.5 ovs (Najmul 46 n.o, M Hasan 20; Archer 3/13).

Sri Lanka set Kiwis 285-run target

CHRISTCHURCH: Sri Lanka were all out for 302 leaving New Zealand a target of 285 with just over a day remaining in the first Test. Angelo Mathews scored 115 to keep them in contention to play Australia in the World Test Championship final. **Brief scores:** SL 355 & 302 (Mathews 115; Tickner 4/100) vs NZ 373 & 28/1 (Latham 11 n.o).

Brenda beats Ankita to claim top prize

BENGALURU: Top seed Brenda Fruhvirtova of the Czech Republic gave a fine demonstration of fighting skills on way to beating India's Ankita Raina 0-6, 6-4, 6-0 to clinch the ITF Women's Open singles title. "I didn't feel good in anything in the first set and it was like I was fighting with myself. I had to shut out the opening set because she (Ankita) was playing well at that point...," said Brenda.

Player management priority for Devine in period of bloom

GOMESH S @ Chennai

SOPHIE Devine is not one to mince words. Ask her a genuine question, on any topic, without any insinuation, you will know what she thinks. She is not just a world-class all-rounder and an international captain, Devine is a leader, and a stateswoman. She didn't hesitate one bit to express her anger about her disappointing performance in the T20 World Cup on the day of the Women's Premier League auction, nor did she think twice to explain the kind of impact the auction had on the players in the New Zealand dressing room.

From not getting regular game-time throughout the year in the past to a possibility of at least five franchise leagues apart from international cricket in the calendar, it is all coming together at the same time. How does any female athlete handle this? Devine believes keeping the players at the forefront while developing the game is key. "It is unbelievable how quickly the game has grown. And it is really exciting to see what is going to happen in the future," she said. "It is vital to keep the players in the front of the mind in terms of making sure that we are supporting them so that they can feel refreshed and put their best versions forward."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

With more cricket nowadays, it's empirical for players to find balance

MUMBAI MAINTAIN WINNING STREAK

MUMBAI: Saika Ishaque (3/33) set the tone with the ball for Mumbai Indians as they restricted UP Warriorz to 159/6. Harmanpreet Kaur then scored an unbeaten 33-ball 55 to guide them home. **Brief scores:** UPW 159/6 in 20 ovs (Healy 58, McGrath 50; Ishaque 3/33) lost to MI 164/2 in 17.3 ovs (Kaur 53 n.o, Sciver-Brunt 45 n.o).

Desperate RCB take on Delhi Capitals

Two teams on the opposite ends of the points table face each other. A look...

Will RCB play Van Niekerk?

They have lost all four and looking for that one thing to go their way. Could this be the day they bring on Dane van Niekerk at No 3, essentially adding some experience and depth to their batting. They will need it, especially with the Indian middle-order, including Richa Ghosh, not firing when they need.

Marizanne vs Mandhana

She might be going through hell off the field, but once she is on it, there is nothing that could stop Marizanne Kapp. The South African all-rounder showed that on Saturday, and along with Shikha Pandey, she will prove to be a crucial match-up for Delhi against Smriti Mandhana in the first six overs.

Shreyanka, the star in making

For those who keep track, the Karnataka all-rounder's confidence and skill will come as no surprise. In what has been a miserable campaign so far, Shreyanka Patil's rise and the applauds she has been receiving from the international superstar have been the biggest positive for the Bangalore-based franchise.

Royal Challengers Bangalore VS Delhi Capitals, DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai — Live on Sports18 Network and JioCinema, 7.30 PM

Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.

Regd. Off : "Udaya ahakara Bhavana", # 29/11, 1st Main, Mount Joy Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-19.

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV [Rule 8(1)]

For immovable property mortagage to **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Ltd.**, Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Ltd, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **06.01.2022** calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **09th day of MARCH of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The Sarfaesi Act, 2002, you are Restrained/Prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT : Name of the Borrower : Smt. Sindhu. M D/o. Late Manjunath .M.C, Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, **6.01.2023.**

Amount in Demand Notice : Rs. 52,41,375/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Forty One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Five Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

SCHEDULE - 1 : SHEDULE "A"PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Properties bearing Site No. 68,69,70,97,98 & 99. Situated at Sunshine Layout, Sonnathammanahalli @ Thambuchetty Palya, K.R. Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, (Formerly Bangalore South Taluk), Now Comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, previously comes under the limits of the Krishnarajpuram CMC, Bangalore, Totally 18,240 Square Feet and **bounded by : East By :** 30 Feet Wide Road, **West By :** 30 Feet Wide Road, **North By :** Site No.11,12 &13, **South By :** Site No. 71 & 96.

SHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : In the above mentiones schedule Property Vendor this day sell to the purchaser bearing **Flot No.1X-1,** in the **First Floor** of the apartment building known as **"Peace Apartment"** containing Three Bed Rooms,measuring 1620 Square feet of Super Built up area along with One Covered Car Parking space including Proportionate share in common areas such Passage,Lobbies,Staircase and Lift,together with 615.60 Square feet,undivided share,right,title and interest out of Schedule A Property.

Date: 09.03.2023 Sd/-Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.

Bharat Bank

Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
Multi-State Scheduled Bank

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 11.10.2022 calling upon the Principal Borrower **Mr.Arjun Varadaraj, S/o. Mr.Varadaraj, Prop of M/s.Varada's Associates** residing at No.538, Ground Floor, ITI Layout, Yelukunte, Bangalore-560068 & **Joint/Co Borrower Mr.Krishnappa L, S/o.Late Mr.Lakshmayya Shetty,** R/a No.44, 1st Floor, Vijaya Nilaya, 3rd Main, Sakambari Nagar, Sarakki, Bangalore-560 078 to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being **Rs.8,22,024/- (Rupees Eight Lac Twenty Two Thousand and Twenty Four)** as on 02.10.2022 under Term Loan Account No.003433510065626 along with further interest & other charges respectively within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 07th day of March 2023.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said Property and any dealings with the said Property shall be subject to the charge of Bharat Co-Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, for an amount as aforesaid, less amount paid thereafter if any.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8)of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant Residential **Site No. 15/C,** Old Khaneshumari No.30, then Khaneshumari No. 15, Property No. 150200200900700239, Grama Panchayat New Khatha No. 233/15C, situated at **Meesaganahalli Village, Doddajala Village Panchayat, Bangalore North Taluk-562 157** and measuring East to West 26.25 feet and North to South 25 feet, in all measuring **656.25 sq. ft.** and bounded by:

East : Vacant Site belongs to Sri. G.L. Venkatesh
West : Vacant Site belongs to Sri. L. Anjinappa
North : Road
South : Vacant Site belongs to Sri. L. Jayaram

Sd/- **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,**
Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.

Place : Bangalore No. 100, Money Terrace, K.H. Road, Bangalore-560 027
Date : 07.03.2023 Tel : K.H. Road Branch : 080-22121066, 22291942

PEGASUS ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

55-56,5th Floor Free Press House Nariman Point, Mumbai -400021 Tel: -022-61884700
Email: sys@pegasus-arc.com URL: www.pegasus-arc.com

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, being Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Pegasus Group One Trust-17 (Pegasus), having being assigned the dues of the below mentioned borrower along with underlying securities, interest by IndusInd Bank Limited vide Assignment Agreement dated **30/03/2015** under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The Authorized officer of Pegasus has taken possession of the below mentioned secured property on 13.10.2015 under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and SARFAESI Rules and which will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29/03/2023 for recovery of Rs.7,98,57,693/- (Rupees Seven Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three Only),** in Cash Credit & Term Loan account as on 15/10/2020 together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 16/10/2020 due to the **Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd., from M/s. Mahalakshmi Enterprises (Borrower)** and Guarantors. The reserve price is as mentioned below.

Description of Immovable Property which is being sold:

Name of the Borrower:	M/s. Mahalakshmi Enterprises
Names of Guarantors:	1)Mr. T.S. Sathyanarayana (since deceased and represented by legal heirs) 1a) Master. S. Chethan Ram, 2) Mrs. B V Lalitha 3) Mr. T.R. Subramanyam (since deceased and represented by legal heirs) 3a) Smt. S Usha W/o Mr Shivakumar.
Outstanding Dues	Rs.7,98,57,693/- (Rupees Seven Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three Only), in Cash Credit & Term Loan account as on 15/10/2020 together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon
Description of Immovable Property:	1a) All that land and building situated at Doddanekkundi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, HASB Area, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, bearing CTS/Survey Nos. Khatha No. 596/1 (Portion) and 598/1 , measuring east to west 100 feet and north to south 90 feet, altogether measuring 9000 sq.ft. bounded on the North by: Private Property East by: Private Property West by: Property of Somashekara Reddy and South by: Property sold to Sri. T.R. Subramanyam and Smt. B.V. Lalitha 1b) All that land and building situated at Doddanekkundi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, HASB Area, Bangalore South Taluk , Bangalore, bearing CTS / Survey Nos. Khatha No. 596/1(Portion) and 598/1, measuring east to west 50 feet and north to south 110 feet, altogether measuring 5500 sq.ft. bounded by North by: Remaining portion of land in Khatha No 596/1 and 598/1 East by: Remaining portion of land in Khatha No 596/1 and 598/1 West by: Property of Somashekara Reddy and South by: Road. 1c) All that land and building situated at Doddanekkundi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, HASB Area, Bangalore bearing Khatha No. 596/1(Portion) and 598/1 measuring east to west 50 feet and north to south 110 feet, altogether measuring 5500 sq.ft. North by: Remaining portion of land in Khatha Nos. 596/1 and 598/1 of Sri. T.S Sathyanarayana East by: Private property West by: Remaining portion of land in Khatha No 596/1 and 598/1 South by: Road.
Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold in Rs.	4,95,00,000
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in Rs.	49,50,000
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	Not Available
Inspection of Properties	From 22/03/2023 Contact No. 7406957945.
Last date for submission of Bid:	28/03/2023 till 4:00 pm
Time and Venue of Bid Opening	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) on 29/03/2023 at from 11.00 am to 1:00 pm.

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. **http://www.pegasus-arc.com/assets-to-auction.html** for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or contact service provider **M/s. E Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Bidder Support : 079-68136805/68136837 Mo.: +91 9265562821 & 9374519754, Email :vijay.shetty@auctiontiger.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net @ support@auctiontiger.net.**

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place: Bangalore Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited
Date: 13.03.2023 (Trustee of Pegasus Group One Trust 17)

IN THE COURT OF THE VIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-15)
O.S. No.7965/2016

Between: Mrs. Jaishree R Iyengar, Aged about 71 years, W/o. Late B. T. Krishnan, Retired Associate Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Residing at No. 2, Srinilaya, MMV Road, VV Puram, Bangalore - 560 004 ......**Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Sandeep C. S. S/o. Sukumar .....**Defendants**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To:- Mr. Sandeep C. S. S/o, Sukumar, Residing at No. 42/7, Chennakeshava Swamy Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Jawaraiah Garden, 3rd Block, Thyagarajanagara, Bangalore - 560 028.

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed a suit of money recovery for a sum of Rs.25,00,000/- with interest at rate of 12% and Rs.1000/- towards expenses incurred as provided under Order XX-A against you. Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an advocate duly instructed or through someone authorized by law to act for you in case at **11.00 AM (forenoon) at 13.04.2023** date the case will be posted for hearing, in case you intend to contest this case. If you fail to appear the same will be dealt with heard and decided in your absence. Issued under my hand and seal of this court this the **25th day on February, 2023.**

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Vardhman V Gunjal, Ankita Patil,
No.9, Model House Street,
Basavanagudi Bangalore - 560004.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU
O.S. 26546 / 2018 (CCH-20)

Plaintiff : 1. Mohammed Fazal S/o Late Mohammed Pacha Saheb
2. Hazeen Taj W/o Mr. Mohammed Fazal
3. Feroz Ahmed, S/o Mohammed Fazal
4. Faisal Ahmed S/o Mohammed Fazal
All r/at # 91, Jumma Masjid Road, OPH Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru- 560 051.

Vs

Defendants 1. Savithramma, W/o Late T.Ramanna r/at Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru- 560 068.
2. Gopala Reddy, S/o Late Chikka Muniswamappa, # 636, 28th Main, II Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru- 560 076.
3. P.C.Chandrashekar, S/o Late Chikka Muniswamappa, r/at Parappana Agrahara, Singasandra Post, Bengaluru- 560 068.
4. Gowramma, W/o Late Sidde Gowda, # 685, 9th Cross, Channakeshavanagar, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru- 560 100.
5. Siddesh S/o Late Sidde Gowda, # 685, 9th Cross, Channakeshavanagar, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru- 560 100.
6. M.Raju, S/o Late Manikam, # 57, Reddy Layout, Kacharakanahalli, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084.
7. P.M.Bhadre Gowda, S/o Late Mariyappa, # 104, Parappana Agrahara, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru- 560100.

Whereas the Plaintiffs herein have instituted the above suit for declaration and possession in respect of Schedule Property before the Addl City Civil Judge, Mayo Hall, Bangalore, CCH-20, for Defendants 7(b) (d) and (e), you are hereby directed to take notice that the above matter is listed on **20/04/2023** and you need to appear in person or with Pleader **@ 11 A.M** on 20 day of April 2023 failing which the suit will be determined exparte against you.

7(b) Smt. Arathi.H.R, W/o Late P.B.Jagadishraju 104, Parapana Agrahara Village, Sigasandra Post, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk.
7(d) Smt. P.B.Manjula, W/o Sampangiramaiah.B.K, r/at 42/2, II Floor, 4th Cross, Anjaneya Temple Street, Yediyur, Jayanagar 6th Block, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South Taluk.
7(e) P.B.Uma Devi, W/o Byregowda, r/at 5 & 6, Rayasandra Main Road, Naganathpura, Electronic City, Bangalore.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immoveable property bearing Site No. 71, Assessment No. 45/22, House List Katha No. 45/22, present BBMP Sl No. 2789, property No. 45/22-75, situated at Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Limits, measuring East – West 25 feet and North – South 47 feet in all measuring 1175, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 72 **West by:** Private Property **North by :** Road **South by :** Property No. 23A, Arkere Muni Chikkamma's Land.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 09.03.2023

By Order of the Court
City Civil Court, Mayo hall Unit Bangalore

LEGAL AXIS
M.D RAGHUNATH
109, 1ST Floor, Dharmaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Blore-1.
Advocate for Plaintiff.

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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DEMAND NOTICE

Registered Office: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600 001.
Head Office: Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051. **Website:** www.shriramhousing.in

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (S) Co-Borrower(S)	Outstanding Amount	Loan No. & Loan Amount	Property Address of Secured Assets
Loan A/c No. SHLHBANA000021 & SILHBANA0000420 **1. MRS. SUMITHRA N** **Co-Borrower & Legal Representative Of Borrower Late Lokesh B M,** **No. 53/1, Hosakerehalli Main Road, Javaregowda Nagar, Opp Shanthi Jewellery & Bankers, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore – 560 098** **Also At:** **Maragondanahalli Village,Keregod Hobli, Near Eshwar Temple, Mandya – 571 401** **NPA DATE** - 05.02.2023 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 20.02.2023**	Rs. 2,52,081/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand and Eighty One Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBANA0000214 and Rs. 9,17,964/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SILBANA0000420 as on 13.02.2023	Rs. 35,98,127/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHBANA0000214 and Rs. 8,41,186/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Six Only) under reference of Loan Account No. SILHBANA0000420	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 17 & 18, Khatha No. 46/1 and 46/2, Property No. 17 and 18, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 25 ft, in all measuring 1000 Sq. ft, being the RCC G+2 Floors Independent House/Flat portion measuring 1750 Sq ft with building thereon, Situated at Javaraiahnadoddi Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Hosakerehalli Dhakale, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, present BBMP Ward No. 160, Javaregowda Nagar, Hosakerehalli, New Khatha No. 1821/46/1/46/2/17,18 and bounded on the: East by : 25 feet Road, West by: Site No. 19 and 20, North by: Drainage, South by: Remaining portion of Site No. 17.
Loan A/c No. SHLHBGLR0001439 **1. MR. SHANKAR B** **S/O Basavaraj Chari,** **No. 19, Ist Main, 1st Cross, New Extension, Chikkabanavara, Near B T School, Bangalore – 560 090** **Also At: Sri Maruthi Interior Works, No. 171/72, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Huralichikkanahalli, Near Suggi Dhabha, Bangalore – 560 090** **2. MRS. VINUTHA R** **W/O Shankar B,** **No. 19, Ist Main, 1st Cross, New Extension, Chikkabanavara, Near B T School, Bangalore – 560 090** **NPA DATE** - 07.02.2023 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 20.02.2023**	Rs. 17,24,031/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand and Thirty One Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR0001439 as on 13.02.2023	Rs. 15,12,003/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twelve Thousand and Three Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR0001439	All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing vacant Site No. 102, Old Gramatana Khatha No. 102/28/102, presently Property No. 102/28/102, 'E' Khatha No. 150200202700100271, situated at Bilijaji Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore, under the limits of Huralichikkanahalli Grama Panchayath, measuring East to West 20 Ft and North to South 30 Ft in total measuring 600 Sq Ft, and bounded on: East by : Property No. 103, West by: Property No. 101, North by: Road, South by: Property No. 119.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 13-03-2023 Shriram Housing Finance Ltd

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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Head Office: Level -3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051; **Tel:** 022 4241 0400, 022 4060 3100 ; **Website:** http://www.shriramhousing.in
Reg. Off: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600 001;
Branch Office: No. 96, R B Manor, 20th Main Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010

APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to The Shriram Housing Finance Limited, The Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limted, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 30.03.2023 between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for recovery of the balance due to The Shriram Housing Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit & increment are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Description of Property	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Earnest Money Deposit Details (EMD) Details.	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person and Inspection date
1.Mrs. Lalitha B R **W/o Kambaiah Narasimhamurthy** **R/at. No. 25/34, Avalahalli Village, Avalahalli, Bangalore – 560026.** **And also at:** **B.R. Lalitha Fabrications, No.12, 4th Cross, Ganapathy Nagar, Mysore Road , Bangalore – 560026** **2.Kambaiah Narasimhamurthy** **S/o Kambaiah** **R/at. No. 25/34, Avalahalli Village, Avalahalli, Bangalore – 560026.** **Date of Possession & Possession Type** **14.01.2020** **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** **Encumbrances known** Not Known	Rs. 50,12,524/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Twelve Thousands Five Hundred and Twenty Four Only) under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHBGLR0000237 as on 29.09.2018 within 60 days from the receipt of said notice. Notice dated: 20.10.2018	**All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.12 & 2/4-11, Situated at Ganapathinagar, Byatarayanapura, Corporation Ward Old No.36, New No.41, BMP Bangalore – 560026, measuring East to West 47 ft., and North to south 40ft., Total Sq.Feet – 1880 sq.ft., along with RCC roofed building and bounded on:** **East by :Private Property,** **West by: Private Property,** **North by : Property No.25,** **South by : Road.**	Rs. 65,07,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Seven Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)** Rs. 6,50,700/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred only) **Last date for submission of EMD : 27th March 2023 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.**	EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/ NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: **BANK NAME-** AXIS BANK LIMITED **BRANCH-** BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI **BANK ACCOUNT NO-** Current Account No. 911020045677633 **IFSC CODE-** UTIB0000230	**30th March 2023** **Time: 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.**	**Prashanth B** **+91 9035211772** **Customer Care No. 022 - 40081572,** **Property Inspection Date: 20th March 2023 Time 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link http://shriramhousing.in/e-auction-Residential provided in the Shriram Housing Finance Limited website.

Place : Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 13-03-2023 Shriram Housing Finance Limited

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	30198640002924	1) G 7 Surveillances & Securities Pvt. Ltd., 2) Mr. Ravi R, 3) Mrs. Sindhu B N, 4) Mr. Y. Ramu	12.09.2022 **Rs.73,90,019.98** (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Ninety Thousand Nineteen and Paise Ninety Eight Only) **as on 04.09.2022**	**Date: 11-03-2023 Time: 11:20 A.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.61, Presently bearing Khatha No.663/16/2-61, issued by the Byatarayanapura City Municipal Council, Bangalore-92, formed out of Survey No. 16/2, Situated at Ramachandrapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.60, **South by:** Site No.62. Measuring East to West: 53'-0"+54'-0"/2 ft, North to South: 30 ft., totally 1605 sq.ft.			
2	45348640001590	1) M/s. Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Traders, 2) Mrs. Gowaramma, 3) Arun Kumar	28.11.2022 **Rs.23,94,604.72** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Four and Paisa Seventy Two Only) **as on 23-11-2022**	**Date: 11-03-2023 Time: 09:50 A.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern Portion of the Vacant Site No.13, having Kamakshipalya Khatha No.49/4, Assessment No.49/4, situated at Saneguruvanahalli Dakhale, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore Taluk and measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South: 37.6 feet, in all measuring 564 square feet and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.14, **West by:** Western Portion of the same property measuring 15ft x 37.6ft belonging to Kalasaiah, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property No.16.			
3	45348640000101 & 45348640002703 & 45348640002070	1) M/s. GRL Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd., 2) Mr. Gangadharaiah, 3) Mrs. Hemavathi	12-04-2022 **Rs.5,98,05,234.46** (Rupees Five Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Five Thousand Two hundred and Thirty Four and Paises Forty Six Only) **& Rs.29,637.23** (Rupees Twenty Nine Thousand Six hundred and Thirty Seven and Paises twenty Three Only) **& Rs.14,40,016.22** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Forty Thousand and Sixteen and Paises twenty Two Only) **as of 12.04.2022**	**Date: 11-03-2023 Time: 10:40 A.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of Immovable Property: Schedule Property: Iteam No.01: All that piece and parcel of the Village Panchayath Old Khatha No.23/39, Presently BBMP/ Khatha/ No.3104/3308/2696/6.7, 3699/3003/2990/2670/313/A, 313/C/6, No.36698/ 3003/2990/2670/313/A, 313/B, 313/C, /5 and Site No.8 Khatha No. 3140/3355/ 2696/8, Site Nos.5, 6, 7 and 8 in all total measuring 4800 Sq.ft. 4 Sites, Situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the BBMP Limits and **Bounded by: East by:** Site No.4, **West by:** Remaining Potion of Site No.9, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property belongs of Siddahanumaiah & Bhadramma. **Iteam No.02:** All the peace and Parcel of the Village Panchayath Old Khatha No. 29/39, Presently BBMP/ Khatha/ No.2990/2696/313/A/313/B/313/C, being site No.9 & 10, Measuring 1,700 Sq.ft., Situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under the Limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.8, **West by:** Site No.11, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private property.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 13.03.2023 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limited (SHFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notices are hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SHFL has taken the Symbolic possession of the mortgaged properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **9th day of March, 2023.**

Borrower Name and address

1. MR. SURESH KUMAR T S S/O SUBHRAMANYAN,
2. MRS. NIRMALA SURESH W/O SURESH KUMAR T S ,
R/at: No. 207, Door No. 10, First Floor, Byreshwara Nilaya, Dwarakanagar, Bagalur Road, IAF Post, Near Dwarakanagar Bus Stop, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560 063.
Also At: No. 47, Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Near Shiva Temple, Bangalore – 562 114.
Also at: M/S. NEP MILL MARKETING & AGENCY. Represented By Its Partner Mr. Suresh Kumar T S, No. 3, 5th Cross Road, Nethaji Road, Air Force Mini Gate, Dwaraka Nagar, Bagalur Road, IAF Post, Near Brundavan College, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560 063.
Also at: M/S. NEP MILL MARKETING & AGENCY, Represented By Its Partner Mrs. Nirmala Suresh, No. 3, 5th Cross Road, Nethaji Road, Air Force Mini Gate, Dwaraka Nagar, Bagalur Road, IAF Post, Near Brundavan College, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560 063
3. M/S. NEP MILL MARKETING & AGENCY,
Also At: No. 3, 5th Cross Road, Nethaji Road, Air Force Mini Gate, Dwaraka Nagar, Bagalur Road, IAF Post, Near Brundavan College, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 063.

Amount due as per Demand Notice	Description of Property
Rs. 78,02,475/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SBTHBGLR0001080 as on 8.12.2022 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the receipt of said notice. Notice dated: 15.12.2022	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No. 47, Assessment No. 200, BBMP Property No. 200/1/178/238/47, Situated at Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet and totally admeasuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road. North by: Site No. 46. South by: Site No. 48.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SHFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SHFL.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub- section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 09/03/2023 Shriram Housing Finance Limited

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DAY'S DIARY

Uranus discovery

Uranus was first observed by astronomer William Herschel as a faint object in the constellation Gemini on this day in 1781

AFTER THE INCIDENT

Herschel became famous almost overnight. His friend, Dr William Watson Jr, introduced him to the Royal Society of London, which awarded him the Copley Medal

NAMING PROCESS

As its discoverer, Herschel had naming rights over the planet. But, astronomers decided to maintain the tradition of naming planets after mythological figures

LACUNA IN INFO

Uranus is the only giant planet whose equator is nearly at right angles to its orbit. Astronomers knew little about it for a long time due to its vast distance from Earth

Struck with an idea

Corporate professionals by day, entrepreneurs by night...Four friends – frustrated at not being able to find quality food at night – have started a food truck

EXPRESS FEATURES

IT was late 2021, and the city was just easing back to normalcy as the restrictions imposed during the second lockdown were slowly being relaxed. Having been forced to remain within closed walls for nearly two years, people in the city, like most parts of the world, started to travel and explore to make up for lost time during the pandemic.

Among them were two friends, Tinoj Kumar and Akhil Venkatesh, the former, a human resource professional, the latter, an owner of an auto detailing business. "We used to finish our work and at night we used to meet. Regardless of how much work we had, we would meet every day for at least an hour and roam around the city. Soon we realised that it was difficult to find quality south Indian food. The only choices were push carts selling egg fried rice and such, and high-end restaurants," shares Tinoj.

Although frustrated at first, the duo soon saw an opportunity for a business venture. "We used to explore a lot of places to eat at night. But we found that the city didn't have many places that offered quality hot food. So we wondered if we could do something around that," Tinoj explains. After a year of planning, they had brought their two other friends – Manish Gowda, a marketing professional and Nihal Ashwanth, an assistant operations manager, on board to start a food truck venture.

KA05 Kitchen operates out of JP Nagar. Uniquely, customers that patronise the food truck are a mix of late-night party-goers, working professionals with later work hours and gig workers. "We are located at a prime spot, near several pubs. People who frequent the pubs visit the food truck late at night for a quick bite, especially during the weekends," Tinoj shares.

Tinoj Kumar, Nihal Ashwath and Akhil Venkatesh

Started in December 2022, positive customer response since the launch has prompted the founders to think about expanding their side hustle to other areas of the city. "The reason we started at night is because we can go about our day jobs as usual, while being able to learn new things through the food truck. One of my goals is to eventually open a restaurant. So this is a stepping stone. Currently we are open between 9pm to 2am every day, but we are planning to extend that further into the morning," Tinoj concludes

STRENGTHENING BONDS

Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment, Republic of Cuba, who was in Bengaluru, speaks to *CE* about how culturally rich and similar Cuba and India are, and Indian companies supporting Cuba towards building tourism

MONIKA MONALISA

THINK of Cuba and one immediately visualises images of Havana with charming old buildings, vintage cars and people spontaneously breaking into music and dance...just as we have seen in movies. Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment, Republic of Cuba, confirms that the image is not very far from reality. Diaz was in the city for the India Cuba Business Conference, where he met various entrepreneurs.

Cuba and India have had a history of warm relationship since the time of Fidel Castro. And Diaz says the ties are going strong as more and more trade relationships are coming up. "We already import Indian rice for our people, earlier it was from the Southeast Asian countries. There are contacts between Cuban enterprises and companies in the biopharmaceutical sector in India. We also buy raw material that we incorporate to develop new products. In general, that is a good blend," says Diaz, who left for New Delhi from Bengaluru.

As Cuba's prime source of income is tourism, Diaz mentions the pandemic had been a huge drawback for them. "With the pandemic, we had two terrible years where the number of tourists almost dropped to zero. Now, we are recovering. In the first two months of 2023, we received half a million tourists. So we imagine that this recovery is going to continue until we reach the levels we used to have, around 5 million visitors a year," says Diaz, adding, "It's a quiet place and we have beautiful beaches. Tourism is the most dynamic sector of our economy. There is an Indian company today that manages several hotels. I believe we could work closely together. For instance, bringing guided flights from India to Havana brings in Indians from different regions."

A fan of tandoori chicken, Diaz light-heartedly mentions that there are Indian restaurants in Havana as well so that 'Indians don't have to miss their home food.' Diaz feels India and Cuba have quite a few commonalities in terms of history, trade and even Caribbean food. "There are historical museums and the culture of the Cuban people is that we are very friendly, just like Indians. We have a long history of trading in cigars and rum," says Diaz, who is hoping for more business opportunities with Indian entrepreneurs and hosting more Indians in their country.

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BACK IN TIME

In the early 1900s, when the Republic of Cuba was going through a crisis in wake of the Soviet Union's collapse, India played a huge role in providing 10,000 tonnes of wheat and 10,000 tonnes of rice to feed Fidel Castro's regime. Going further the gesture was known as the 'Bread of India'.

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹1,000 from McDonald's India (West & South)**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Nap Nang
2) Sael roti
3) Mawa roti

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Shalini Srinet
2) NikhilaKaranth
3) Niveditha B N

INVISIBLE WOMEN: REPAINTING HISTORY

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CITY READ

Photo exhibition on Kerala's 'Silent Valley' till March 19

Veteran photojournalist NP Jayan's exhibition of images that depict living beings and the seasonal rhythms of Kerala's Silent Valley titled 'Si-Lens' is on display at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. It includes more than a hundred uncommon and never-before-seen images that he captured on a daring year-long adventure. Public can view Si-Lens from March 13 to March 19. A hotspot for biodiversity, Silent Valley is home to numerous flora and fauna species that are uncommon elsewhere. The current display is an ongoing campaign to inform the public about the importance and marvels of the Valley.

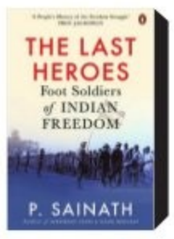
Community Health Workers honoured at Women's Day event

Under the Raintree, in association with SVSVS trust and My School initiatives, organised a pop-up event for pourakarmikas and ASHA workers of BBMP ward no 118, Sudham Nagar, in honour of International Women's Day. The gathering aimed to highlight the happiness, health, and well-being of the women, who have proved to be the city's backbone by maintaining cleanliness and health, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. With 70 people in attendance – 50 of them being women pourakarmikas – the event was graced by Sandalwood actor Sudha Belawadi, storyteller Sneha Kappanna, rapper Putti Raps, and Fit India ambassador Wanitha Ashok. Sandhya Mendonca, founder and managing director of Raintree Media, stated, "We wanted to make it a really happy Women's Day for these extraordinary women who have proved to be the lifeline of the city, especially during the pandemic."

Women's day celebrated

Brahma Kumaris, Varadani Bhavan at Basavanagudi celebrated Women's Day on March 8. Brahma Kumaris is a worldwide spiritual movement dedicated to personal transformation and world renewal. Since the very beginning, the founder, Prajapita Brahma Baba, has put women in leadership positions, which has distinguished the Brahma Kumaris on the stage of the world's religions and spiritual organisations. The occasion was attended by Gowri Subramanya, Ayurvedic doctor; Manjula Devi NT - deputy director of Sericulture, among others.

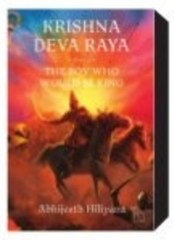
BOOK NOOK



The Last Heroes: Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom

by P Sainath

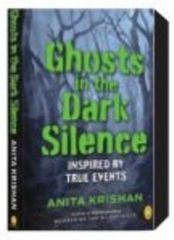
The Last Heroes is a story of foot soldiers of Indian freedom telling us their storieshailing from different regions, languages, atheists and believers, and so on.



Krishna Deva Raya: The Boy who would Be King

by Abhijeeth Hiliyana

The second son of a famed army commander, Tuluva Krishna sees around him a decaying empire assailed by the treachery of vassals and the belligerence of neighbours determined to restore peace and glory.



Ghost in the Dark Silence

by Anita Krishnan

Encased in Ghosts in the Dark Silence are five stories that will petrify even the bravest of the brave, some being gruesome and bizarre and softly creep up on you and pull you in.

Gift Me a New Beginning

by Arpit Vageria

Shaurya, a charming eligible bachelor and an orphan who lives in a luxurious house in Mumbai with his grandfather share a unique fate of not being loved as they deserved to be.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Strokes of Colour

Learn how to paint beautiful landscapes with acrylic paint on wood. This workshop is perfect for beginners and people who have never painted before.

WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
WHEN: March 15, 6pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Culinary delight

Step into a foodie's paradise, filled with savouries and drinks. Munch on culinary delights and celebrate with musical acts from across the country.

WHERE: Embassy International Riding school, Tarunhunse Village
WHEN: March 18, 12pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Acoustic Melodies

Celebrated musician Manu Chao, known as a forefather of Latin alternative rock is returning to Bengaluru this week, where he will perform a live acoustic set.

WHERE: Social, Koramangala
WHEN: March 23, 8pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Contemporary times

Skewed is a 90-minute-long theatre production, directed by SP Mahesh, that explores how peoples' bias and opinions impact a person going through a traumatic incident.

WHERE: KH Kalasoudha, Banashankari
WHEN: March 17, 7.30pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Bustling Weekday

This Wednesday, experience a meticulously planned party featuring brunches, live performances, and nocturnal events, with music by DJ Hassan.

WHERE: Gilly' Redefined, Koramangala
WHEN: March 15, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Musical night

Experience a musical concert with your buddies by entertainer Guru Randhawa.

WHERE: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield Main Road
WHEN: March 17, 6pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laugh riot

Vipul Goyal from TVF's hugely popular web series *Humorously Yours* will have you bursting out with laughter with his trove of relatable jokes and punchlines.

WHERE: BOHO Rooftop Restaurant and Bar, ITPL Main Road
WHEN: March 17, 5.45pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Move and groove

This contemporary dance class is an attempt to find fluidity in transiting from one movement to another. This session will challenge you physically and mentally to push your limits in order to find ease with the phrases that will be taught.

WHERE: Shoonya, Centre for Art and Somatic Practises, Lal Bagh Main Road **WHEN:** March 18, 11am
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

TRADITIONAL AND TRENDY

Models showcase outfits and jewellery from Kumaran Silks, and Varam Boutique Jewels at a fashion show organised recently | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

MANGO CHIA SEED PUDDING

Contributed by **Abrar Mirza**, Hyderabad

INGREDIENTS

- **Milk :** 1 cup
- **Chopped mangoes:** 2 cups
- **Chia seeds:** 3 tbsp
- **Honey:** 2 tbsp
- **Granola (use homemade for sugar free granola):** 1/2 cup

METHOD

- Mix 1 tbsp of honey with milk and soak chia seeds and refrigerate for an hour.
- Make a purée of mangoes and 1tbsp of honey and refrigerate.
- First, add granola and then later chia seeds and purée evenly in two glasses.
- Top it with some granola and serve chilled.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SEATED SHOULDER ROLLS

This is typically used as a part of the warm up series for beginners. It helps boost energy and can be included in most sequences for senior citizens or pregnant women. It can also help ease the stiffness in the shoulders, neck and lower back.

STEPS

- Sit comfortably in Sukhasana (Easy Pose), keeping the hands on the lap, on top of the other or the knees.
- While maintaining this comfortable position, gently start rolling your shoulders up towards the ears and back down in a smooth forward circular motion.
- With every inhalation, your shoulders should be pulled up, touching the ears, and drop the shoulders down with every exhalation.
- During the warm-up, you can try keeping the focus inwards.
- You should try to close your eyes while repeating the movement at least 2-3 times in each direction, like once clockwise and another in an anticlockwise direction.
- Once you have mastered the pose, you can increase the movements with the strength at the shoulders.

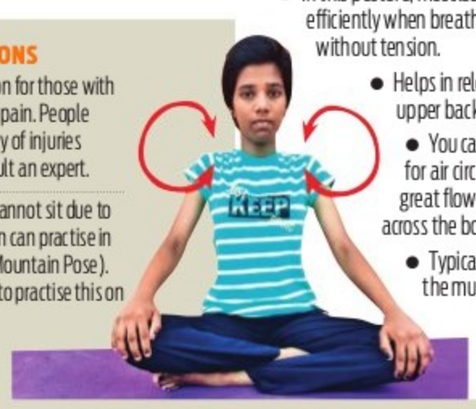
BENEFITS

- Effective stretching exercise that improves shoulder strength.
- Help prevent the slumping of the spine by lengthening it.
- It releases the tightness of the neck, shoulders, and upper back muscles.
- Nice stretch at the neck and across the upper back.
- It involves a gentle stretch and makes the chest muscles stronger.
- Improves shoulder range of motion and increases shoulder flexibility.
- This makes the diaphragm more flexible so that breathing is easier.
- Deep breathing helps calm the mind and reduce muscular tension.
- Helps stronger muscles provide greater stability.
- It establishes and maintains good posture and enhances all body movements.
- In this posture, muscles perform more efficiently when breathing diaphragmatically without tension.
- Helps in releasing tension in the upper back and shoulders.
- You can feel a clear passage for air circulation leading to a great flow of blood and energy across the body.
- Typically suggested to relax the muscles, keeping the pace of the rotation slow.

LIMITATIONS

A good option for those with chronic neck pain. People with a history of injuries should consult an expert.

Those who cannot sit due to Tailbone pain can practise in Tadasana (Mountain Pose). You can opt to practise this on a chair.



By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

COFFEE WITH KADHAL (Tamil)

A family consisting of three brothers and a sister who follow different lifestyles, go through several emotional and jovial situations in their lives.

Cast: Malvika Sharma, Amritha Aiyer
Watch on: ZEE5

THEERPPU (Malayalam)

Four friends reunite after years apart a retort. However, their meeting is filled with surprises and consequences of their past.

Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Hannah Reji Koshy, Isha Talwar
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

MUKKUNDAN UNNI ASSOCIATES (Malayalam)

Lawyer Mukundan Unni has dreams of becoming successful and attempts to achieve growth, prosperity, and respect.

Cast: Vineeth Sreenivasan, Suraj Venjaramoodu
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

CHUP: REVENGE OF THE ARTIST (Hindi)

A lonesome florist with a new-found love interest and a psychopath killer who targets film critics in Mumbai. Are the two related? Inspector Arvind Mathur and Dr. Zenobia are about to find out.

Cast: Dulquer Salmaan, Shreya Dhanwanthary
Watch on: ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

VEDHA (Kannada)

Vedha and his daughter Kanaka are on a killing spree. They are being chased by a cop Rama, but they always manage to escape in the nick of time.

Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Ganavi Laxman
Watch on: ZEE5

DRIVER JAMUNA (Tamil)

Jamuna, a dedicated cab driver, unwittingly picks up a group of goons. Will she be able to outsmart the goons and save the day, or will she become their next victim?

Cast: Aishwarya Rajesh, Aadukalam Naren
Watch on: Aha

RORSCHACH (Malayalam)

When Luke Antony's wife goes missing, he sets off to search for her and stumbles into the Balan family. However, terrorising events start occurring as Luke grows closer to the clan.

Cast: Mammooty, Asif Ali
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

THE MENU (English)

A young couple travels to a remote island to eat at an exclusive restaurant where the chef has prepared a lavish menu, with some shocking surprises.

Cast: Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Fiennes
Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

THE IRREGULARS (English, series)

Misfits investigate a series of supernatural crimes in Victorian London for Dr. Watson and his shadowy associate, Sherlock Holmes.

Cast: Thaddea Graham, Royce Pierreson, Harrison Osterfield, Darci Shaw
Watch on: Netflix

FREE REIN (English, series)

A 15-year-old from Los Angeles spends the summer at her mother's childhood home on an island off the coast of England, where she bonds with a mysterious horse.

Cast: Jaylen Barron
Watch on: Netflix

BLACK MONEY LOVE (Turkish, series)

Omar, a police officer, loses his fiancée to a suspicious death. After the shock of her sudden death and the accusations of his love cheating on him, Omar realises that there is more behind her suspicious murder.

Cast: Tuba Büyüküstün, Engin Akyürek
Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Netflix:	₹149 per month

INVISIBLE WOMEN: REPAINTING HISTORY

JITHA KARTHIKEYAN

WHERE are the women? Look around; they are there and yet, not quite there. All our public spaces — our streets and our buildings have a good sprinkling of women no doubt, but it is only when you look beyond that fleeting glimpse does realisation dawn that the spaces that really matter have excluded them — our history books, our collective memories, our power centres or our decision making bodies. As Virginia Woolf once quoted, "For most of history, Anonymous was a woman."; and countless women continue to remain so.

Art, most people assume, must have been one of those rare arenas that women were unconditionally allowed into. It clearly should have been considered a homely, harmless pastime to indulge in. It is true that women were allowed to be traditionally associated with domestic handicrafts like embroidery and quilting while the grander forms of painting and sculpture were generally reserved for men. And for those few women who did wield the brush, they were encouraged only to touch on pleasant topics of domesticity that embodied feminine traits. Of course, they had to be modest too. Anything else was a man's domain.

And Art Education? Now, that was an impossible dream. The only formal training in the arts that a woman could ever hope for was to perhaps grow up in a household with a father who painted and was generously willing to teach her all that he knew. Though art academies mushroomed, women were not admitted until the late 19th century. And even when they were, women were not allowed to attend life-drawing classes with nude models as it was considered inappropriate and this denied them the access to study human anatomy, one of the most crucial aspects in painting or sculpture. If women could not train with male models, there was nothing to stop them from studying their own bodies, and change how women were portrayed in art. A fine example is the painting of the female body in 'Danae', a painting from 1612 by Artemisia Gentileschi which shows extreme skill in the execution of the creases and swells, depicting a brilliant understanding of how a woman's body settles, whereas the same subject painted by her father who trained her, Orazio Gentileschi, titled 'Danae and the Shower Of Gold', though perfect in the portrayal of the objects in the scene, falters with regard to the unrealistic representation of the folds in the woman's body.

Despite a few women artists having successful careers especially as portrait artists, most of them faded into obscurity after their death and many of their paintings were attributed to men. Judith Leyster was a well-respected artist in the 17th century but was quickly forgotten after her passing. Many of her paintings, including one at the prestigious Louvre museum, were considered to be done by the Dutch artist Frans Hals who practised during the same period. Perhaps it was easier to accept that genius was a man's birthright! Hans Hofman, the famous German-American painter had once remarked, "This is so good. You would not know it was done by a woman"' on seeing the work of Lee Krasner, often referred to as Mrs. Jackson Pollock, though being an artist in her own right. Much progress may have been made since that remark as the world inches towards gender equality but the truth is that this attitude still influences the way anything done by a woman is perceived even today. As we pick and choose women from all walks of life to honour on a glittering stage for their achievements that the world miraculously wakes up to on every International Women's Day, let us also remember all those women in history whose work and accomplishments have been overlooked, undervalued, pushed out of the pages of history and simply forgotten.

SAHIFA BANU

Mughal miniature paintings as we know it, were all made by men. Only a handful of women practised art as a profession during the Mughal period. Sahifa Banu was one of the few female miniaturists during Emperor Jehangir's reign. Her portrayals were unique, being from the female perspective and devoid of the male gaze. For instance, in "The Lady paints a self-portrait while her attendant faces her holding a mirror", she depicts the female quarters, a place where males did not have access and consequently had to resort to imagined versions of it. Unfortunately, she has almost faded from documented histories with only a mere three or four paintings surviving that can be traced back to her.

TINA BLAU

Growing up in the 19th century when art education was denied to women, Austrian artist Tina Blau was taught to paint by her father. Though well-known for her landscape paintings, her gender earned her a lot of criticism with her male counterparts refusing to accept her paintings on the grounds that no woman had the ability to paint with such finesse and accused her of having been guided by a man. The list of unsung female artists can go on and still would not contain those who have not been allowed to even leave a trace behind. To think that everything is fair in the current world is unmistakably an illusion. A group of anonymous female artists calling themselves the Guerilla Girls have staged protests for decades, fighting for equality in the arts. From the alarming difference in the number of artworks by men and women in museums to the prices that male artists command which a woman artist can only aspire for, gender discrimination exists in every form. Perhaps it is impossible to rewrite history by going back to the pages of art history books and inserting the missing and forgotten women artists. But it certainly is possible to celebrate them now. Their sheer determination to fight against all odds in a conservative patriarchal society and pursue their dream has helped a million other women in the years after to believe in their dreams too.

GIULIA LAMA

Giulia Lama was an Italian painter from the early 18th century about whom there is barely any information, in spite of her successful career during her time. She was perhaps the first woman to study male and female nudes and make 200 drawings based on that study. However, her success did not go well with the male artists who were enraged by the competition from a woman. They persecuted her by constantly ridiculing her ugly physical features. The fact that most of her works were attributed to renowned male artists of the period is proof enough of her excellence in art. Lately, efforts are being taken to reattribute and acknowledge her greatness.

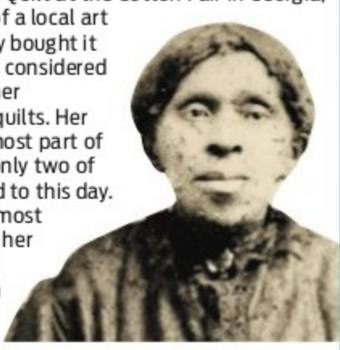
Here are five fiery female artists who made a mark with their canvases, despite all odds

MANGALA BAYI THAMPURATTY

There are none who have not heard of India's celebrated artist, Raja Ravi Varma. His sister, Mangala Bayi, an equally accomplished painter, remains lost in obscurity. Born in 1866 into the Kilimanoor royal family, Mangala Bayi had to practise art within the confines of the conservative inhibitions of the times. She had her own working space inside the palace and it could well be said that she was one of the first Indian women artists of the 19th century who had a studio of her own! She was given a fixed time to watch her brother paint and could clear her doubts only when permitted to speak. Her marriage ended this arrangement, as married women were not allowed to interact or even come in the vicinity of their brothers. And yet, she pursued her art with an unmatched passion and Ravi Varma is even said to have mistaken her painting as his. This was the case for years with a few more of her paintings, like 'Alms Giving ', having been mistaken as Ravi Varma's creations. Social hurdles notwithstanding, she continued to paint till the age of 84. Regrettably, only about five of her paintings can be viewed by the public today while Mangala Bayi herself remains invisible from any discourse on art.

HARRIET POWERS

Harriet Powers was an African-American slave who transformed biblical and local stories as well as astronomical occurrences into beautiful quilts. In 1886, she displayed her Bible Quilt at the Cotton Fair in Georgia, which caught the eye of a local art teacher who eventually bought it from her. Her work was considered unique and led to further commissions to make quilts. Her art was forgotten for most part of the 20th century and only two of her quilts have endured to this day. Ignored until recently, most experts today consider her to be one of the finest quilt artists of the 19th century.



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I, (OLD NAME) REENA, W/o. Saveen Valiyavittil, resident of Flat No. 063, B Block, 6th Floor, ITI Layout, Nayandahalli, Bangaluru, Karnataka-560039, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) REENA** to **(NEW NAME) REENA SURYAKANT HAKKE** vide affidavit Dated 10/03/2023 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil.G.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IMRAN SAYEED,** R/at No.10, 1st Cross, D Costa Layout, Cooke Town, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my minor child name from **AMAARA** to **AMAARA IMRAN** vide affidavit dated: 11/3/2023 Before Notary **A Idinabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARAH KHANAM** W/o **Ayub Khan,** R/at No.A3, Regency Splendor Apt, Hall Road, Opp to KEB Office, Richards Town, Bengaluru-560005, have changed my name to **SARAH KHANUM** vide affidavit dated: 11/3/2023 Before Notary **A Idinabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHINANDAN.M** S/o **Manjunath.M,** R/at No.141/6, 4th Main, Kathriguppe East, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, have changed my name to **VASISHTA.M** vide affidavit dated: 10/3/2023 Before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **SUSAN SPANDANA PANEM** (New Name) previously called **DEVAKRUPA SUSANNA SPANDANA ANAND PANEM** (Old Name), aged about 36 years, W/o. Mr. Israel Uppu, a resident of D-004, D Block, Mukunda Brundavan Apartment, Near Srishti Global School, Kavery Layout, Kurudusonnenahalli Main Road, Kodigehalli, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560 067, Karnataka State, India, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name from **DEVAKRUPA SUSANNA SPANDANA ANAND PANEM** to **SUSAN SPANDANA PANEM,** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 10.03.2022 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYESH MOHANANI** S/o RAKESH MOHANANI aged 21 years No.28-Laxmi vihar, Umrav khan patrol pamp ke pass,bombe moters chouraha, Jodhpur, RAJASTHAN-342001 Now residing at Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **JAYESH RAKESH** to **JAYESH MOHANANI**., vide affidavit dated 10/3/2023 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PROTEEP CHANDRA VASU MALLIK**, Aged about 45 years, C/o. Dipankar Chandra Vasumallik, No. 12, Meadow Doddabele Road, Good Earth Orchard Kengeri, Lakshmipura, Bangalore - 560 060, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PROTEEP MALLIK** to **PROTEEP CHANDRA VASU MALLIK** vide affidavit dated 10.03.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHIBU THOMAS, residing at D.104, Silver County, Silver County Road, Kudlu, Bangalore-560102, declaring that my minor Son's name is wrongly mentioned in Passport as **AARON** but his correct name is **AARON SHIBU**, vide affidavit dated 10.03.2023, sworn before notary A.S Narayana Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I DIVYA M. HEGDE, W/o R. Manjunath Hegde, residing at No. 03, 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Near Gopalan Apartments, Rajivanagar, Kalyana nagar Post, Bangalore 560043 have changed my name **DIVYA SHENOY H.** to **DIVYA M. HEGDE** vide affidavit dated 7th March 2023 before notary Smt. Vatsala, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called **DIVYA M. HEGDE.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROSHAN LAL RANOTE** Father of JC-413960L SUB (HONY LT) RAM KUMAR RANOTE residing of PRTC, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-560006 have changed my name from **ROSHAN LAL RANOTE** to **ROSHAN LAL** vide affidavit dated:07-03-2023 before Notary, Sivakumara .M.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEENA KAUSER** R/at F-1, Regency Corner Apartment, 11th Cross, New Shoba Stores Cross Karamchand Layout, Lingararapuram Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to **SYEDA HEENA KAUSAR** vide affidavit dated: 11/3/2023 Before Notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHYAM KALI** mother of JC-413960L SUB (HONY LT) RAM KUMAR RANOTE residing of PRTC, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-560006 have changed my date of birth from 02 July 1960 to 01 July 1963 vide affidavit dated:07-03-2023 before Notary, Sivakumara .M.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARADHI SUDEENDRA HARITSA,** D/o Sudeendra Kumar Belur, age 32 years, R/at No. 220, 6th Cross, Royal Residency, BTM 4th Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 060, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARADHI SUDHEENDRA HARITSA** to **SHARADHI SUDEENDRA HARITSA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARADHI SUDEENDRA HARITSA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11th March 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.K. RAMESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anitha A** W/o Late. M Arun Kumar residing at No. J-69, 4th Cross, 1st Main, J C Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram layout Bengaluru- 560086, have changed my name from **Chandrakala H S** to **Anitha A.**, vide affidavit dated 11/3/2023 sworn to before C. K. Anupama advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Vijayalakshmi W/o, Lakshminarayana Shanbogi, aged about 37 years and residing at No.9 Karthika Nilaya, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Ramanjaneya nagara, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061 have changed my name to VIJAYALAKSHMI BYAGWAT for all future purpose vide affidavit dated 11.03.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SPOORTHY SHARATH** D/o Puttaraju Masthigowda, residing at No. SS 1134 Sunscape, Shoba Hillview Apartment, off Kanakapura Road, Nagegowdana Palya, Bangalore-560062, have changed my name to **Dr. SPOORTHY P**, vide affidavit dated 06.03.2023, sworn before notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sheetal Doshi** (Old Name), D/o. Ranjith Doshi, Residing at Flat No. SF 203, C Block, Mars Classic Apartment, Kenchena halli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore- 560 098, India, have changed my name as **SHEETAL DOSHI SURANA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 11.03.2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary S. R. Thulasikrishna

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROSHAN LAL** Father of JC-413960L SUB (HONY LT) RAM KUMAR RANOTE residing of PRTC, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-560006 have changed my date of birth 12 Jun 1955 to 05 Dec 1958 vide affidavit dated:07-03-2023 before Notary, Sivakumara .M.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHYAM KHALAI** mother of JC-413960L SUB (HONY LT) RAM KUMAR RANOTE residing of PRTC, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-560006 have changed my name from **SHYAM KHALAI** to **SHYAM KALI** vide affidavit dated:07-03-2023 before Notary, Sivakumara .M.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) DHURA RAM, Father of No. 13622343N, Rank:Hav, Name: Shivpal Ram, residing of Village -Dugoli, Sikar, Rajasthan-332042, presently residing at PRTC, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) DHURA RAM** to **(NEW NAME) DHUDA RAM** vide affidavit Dated 16/01/2023 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, POONAM GHULI W/o. Shashidhar Banger. Residing at No. 526, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, BEML 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore- 560098. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POONAM RAJENDRA GHULI to POONAM GHULI** vide affidavit dated 09/03/2023 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. Thulasikrishna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRANSHU DVIVEDI,** Aged about 31 years, C/o. Ashutosh Dvivedi, No. B2902, Karle Zenith Residences, 100 ft. Kempapura Main Road, Karle Town Center SEZ, Nagavara, Bangalore - 560 045, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDRAANSHU DVIVEDI** to **CHANDRANSHU DVIVEDI** vide affidavit dated 10.03.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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THE GENTLEMEN BEHIND *KABZAA'S* GRANDEUR

R Chandru's upcoming period drama, *Kabzaa,* stars Upendra, Sudeep, and Shivarajkumar along with Shriya Saran. Apart from the stellar star cast, the film is equally being anticipated for its superior technical finesse. Shivakumar's artwork, music by Ravi Basrur, AJ Shetty's cinematography, Mahesh Reddy's editing, and of course, the action-packed stunt sequences by Ravi Varma, Vijay Vikram Mor and Vinod. Ahead of the release of the film on March 17, **A Sharadhaa** gets behind the scenes, and interact with the technicians, who share their experience of working in *Kabzaa*, and what it takes to bring to life a director's vision on such a big canvas.

Ravi Basrur

'The music of *Kabzaa* has a blend of ethnic and western music'

POST *KGF*, Ravi Basrur has definitely become a regular in playlists across the country. His next release will be the much-anticipated *Kabzaa,* which stars Upendra and Shriya Saran in the lead. The composer is also working on Ajay Devgn's *Bholaa,* and the upcoming Salman Khan starrer, *Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan*. Staying grounded, Ravi Basrur says, "I don't know how I entered the field of music, and the benefits of anything I do in cinema should go to my hometown of Basrur." In *Kabzaa,* Ravi Basrur has composed the background score and four songs and has even written lyrics for two songs, including the title track. "As a music director, my journey with a project starts with the motion poster, and every film has at least 15 key points, where I can make music blend with the situations and elevate them. *Kabzaa* did have me going by the director's vision, who has given me more space to experiment with the BGM, and that has helped to add value to emotional blocks in the film. Being a period drama, the music of *Kabzaa* has a blend of ethnic and western music," explains Ravi Basrur, adding, "Music elevates the mood of the film, and gives depth to the characters played by stars like Upendra, Sudeep and Shivarajkumar. We also have added a classic touch to the Queen's role played by Shriya Saran."

A J Shetty

'Working with Bhuvan Gowda in *KGF* came as a plus point for *Kabzaa*'

ARJUN Shetty, popularly known as AJ Shetty, has assisted cinematographer Bhuvan Gowda in *KGF,* and this experience made it easy for him to work on such a big canvas in *Kabzaa*. "The experience I gained working with Bhuvan in *KGF* was a plus point and helped me to understand the subject better. I had great support coming from art director, Shivakumar, and it was easy to work with director and producer, R Chandru."

Sharing his experience working for *Kabzaa*, AJ Shetty says that most of the shoot for Kabzaa took place at Minerva Mills, and the team managed to bring in many variations to give this one place a new look. "What was meant as an office place was later converted into a **mansion.** We had one road, **and we** used all our re**sour**ces to ensure it **loo**ked different ac**c**ording to our needs. Just that one place had us looking at multiple dimensions," he says.

Editor Mahesh Reddy with director R Chandru

Shivakumar J

'I don't like my art to dominate a film'

KABZAA has another *KGF* connect with veteran art director Shivakumar J bringing to life the vision of director R Chandru. Shivakumar feels that while many filmmakers wanted to do a film on the scale of *KGF,* only Chandru has managed to achieve this distinction. "Chandru wanted to do a film on that scale and quality, and subconsciously there is an attempt of bringing a *KGF*-like set up in *Kabzaa*. Having said that the film is a period drama and it has a unique ambience and atmosphere." Talking about creating the world of *Kabzaa*, Shivakumar says, "In *KGF,* we had to create the world of Narachi, which included a lot of mines. *Kabzaa* is set in the pre-independence era, post-independence, and well into the 80s. There are three major timelines for the film, and the multiple changeovers were a challenge. Except for the master shots, the entire cinema is set in blocks. Since this film began during the pandemic, there were times we went into creating and recreating most of the sets, as we had difficulties in getting shooting permission. It was a kind of double work from the art department." Shivakumar asserts that a lot of research was put into creating the world of *Kabzaa*. "We had 30 major sets and 15 subsets created for the film. I don't like my art to dominate a film, and I prefer the subject always getting the prominence," says Shivakumar, who likes the challenge of working under pressure.

Crediting DoP AJ Shetty and composer Ravi Basrur for being standout technicians in *Kabzaa,* Shivakumar says, "Kabzaa has come out of Chandru's vision, and a lot of credit should go to him for making a film like this."

'Sound plays a crucial role at the edit desk'

MAHESH REDDY, the editor of Puneeth Rajkumar's *Natasarvabhouma*, gets his next big break with Upendra's *Kabzaa*. The editor believes that his edit pattern will keep the story engaging, and will keep the thrills engaged for the entirety of its two parts. "As for the edit, we have gone with the present trend of big-ticket films, which are more inclined to having a proper narration," says Mahesh, adding, "The story of *Kabzaa* gets intercut at three places, and interplayed with various characters. This film has three big stars — Upendra, Sudeep and Shivarajkumar — whose roles carry a certain weightage, and it is definitely a challenge to balance it."

As an editor, Mahesh likes to be involved right from the scripting stage, and it continues till the day of release. "The edit table work for *Kabzaa* began much before the shoot. Travelling along with the film, and our presence on the sets comes in handy at the edit desk," says the editor, who also opines that sound plays a crucial role while editing, and it is the audio that sets the graph of the film.

Michael Cuesta roped in to direct *Daredevil: Born Again*

CE FEACTURES

FILMMAKER Michael Cuesta, who is known for helming hit TV shows *Homeland* and *Dexter*, is set to direct the upcoming series *Daredevil: Born Again*. Michael will be directing the maiden episode of the show which will release in spring 2024. It is to be noted that earlier Jill Blankenship and Grainne Godree have joined the team as writers.

The series will consist of 18 episodes and will go on floors from March in New York. However as per reports, Michael will only direct the pilot episode, while other directors will also be roped in to direct the other parts.

Daredevil: Born Again will follow Matt Murdock (Charlie Cox) who is trying to lead a double life of a daytime lawyer and nighttime vigilante hero. Apart from Charlie, the series also stars Vincent D'Onofrio, Nikki M. James, Michael Gandolfini, Margarita Levieva and Sandrine Holtrite.

LAUGHING BUDDHA, BACKED BY RISHAB SHETTY, GOES ON FLOORS

CE FEACTURES

LAUGHING Buddha, a lighthearted comedy-drama, is the next project, which is backed by Rishab Shetty. Directed by M Bharath Raj, the film went on floors on Sunday at the Chandika Durga Temple in Bhadravathi.

Laughing Buddha revolves around a police constable, who lifts people's spirits and brings happiness to the entire police station. The film stars Pramod Shetty and Teju Belawadi. The latter (Prakash Belawadi's daughter) was last seen in *Gantumoote*.

The film is produced by Rishab Shetty in association with Coffee Gang Studios and is co-produced by Shrikanth and Vikas.

In an earlier interview, Rishab said Pramod was the best fit for the role of a police constable in this film, which he found really appealing.

The shooting will take place in and around Bhadravathi, and will have music by Vishnu Vijay, cinematography by Chandrashekar, and editing by KM Prakash.

Pramod Shetty and Teju Belawadi